

A SELECTIVE HYDROGENATION CATALYST AND THE PREPARATION THEREOF



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FIELD OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates to a selective hydrogenation catalyst and the preparation thereof. The catalyst is suitable for the selective hydrogenation of medium or low distillate oil, especially for the first stage selective hydrogenation of pyrolysis gasoline distillate.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Pyrolysis gasoline is a byproduct C_5 -200°C during the preparation of ethylene, the yield of which is above 50% to 80% of ethylene production capacity, wherein the amount of aromatics is more than 50%, making the pyrolysis gasoline an important source for aromatics. The pyrolysis gasoline also comprises highly unsaturated hydrocarbons such as diolefin, styrene and the like that are convertible to corresponding monoolefin via selective hydrogenation and act as the starting material for extracting aromatics. Recently, ethylene industry has been largely developed and the ethylene production capacity is improved yearly, leading to substantial increasing of the yield of pyrolysis gasoline that is an important byproduct of ethylene. The hydrogenation technique focusing on the hydrogenation catalyst of pyrolysis gasoline is an important branch in the field of hydrogenation and plays a critical role in the post-treatment of preparation of ethylene by steam cracking.

Currently in industry, the catalyst for the first stage selective hydrogenation of pyrolysis gasoline mainly comprises platinum and palladium catalysts, with the majority being palladium-based catalysts. Palladium-based catalysts are advantageous to have low start temperature, high hydrogenation activity, large feed capacity, long lifetime and so on. However, in part of the feed for hydrogenation apparatus of pyrolysis gasoline, the amount of water and arsenic is in excess, and the distillate is too heavy, and the hydrogenation load is too large, leading to the low stability and short lifetime of the current catalysts in industry process.

CN 200410061031 reports a palladium-alumina catalyst, and the preparation thereof. The application relates to using Al_2O_3 calcinated at elevated temperature and precoated with proper amount of alkaline earth metal oxide as a carrier, and impregnating the carrier with 0.15% to 0.24% of palladium to produce the catalyst. CN 1175931C reports supported palladium-alumina catalysts for hydrogen peroxide production by anthraquinone route and the preparation thereof. The application relates to using Al_2O_3 calcinated at 900 to 1000°C and precoated with proper amount of rare earth oxide as a carrier, and impregnating the carrier with 0.15% to 0.25% of palladium to produce the catalyst. CN 85100761A discloses a fiber carrier catalyst for selective hydrogenation of diolefin which is the distillate of pyrolysis gasoline, characterized in the use of $\eta-Al_2O_3$ porous fibrous carrier having a specific surface area of 20 to 150 m^2/g and a pore volume of 0.1 to 0.3 ml/g. The catalyst has a high initial activity, but the pore volume is too small. When the content of colloid, water and arsenic in



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the feed for pyrolysis gasoline hydrogenation apparatus is in excess, the pores on the catalyst are readily coked and blocked, which influences the hydrogenation stability of the catalyst.

An excellent selective hydrogenation catalyst should have high hydrogenation activity and good selectivity, and more importantly, it should have good stability. That is, the catalyst should be water-resistant and colloid-resistant, so as to extend the lifetime of the catalyst.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

The present invention is directed to provide a new selective hydrogenation catalyst especially suitable for pyrolysis gasoline, and the preparation thereof. The present catalyst has good water-resistant and colloid-resistant property, and also has ability against high load and oil change as well as higher hydrogenation stability.

The selective hydrogenation catalyst according to the present invention, with alumina as carrier, and metal palladium as active component that supported on the surface of the carrier in an egg-shell form, characterized in that based on the total weight of the catalyst, it comprises:

- 0.2 to 0.5 wt% Pd as active component,
- 2 to 8 wt% lanthanum and/or cerium as aids, and
- 2 to 8 wt% alkaline earth metal,

wherein said catalyst has a shell thickness of 0.07 to 0.15 mm, a specific surface area of 70 to 150 m²/g and a pore volume of 0.3 to 0.6 ml/g, and the crystal form of the carrier may be θ form or θ , α mixed form mainly composed of θ form. The catalyst is useful in diolefin selective hydrogenation of medium or low distillate oil, in particular, in the first-stage selective hydrogenation process of pyrolysis gasoline distillate.

The alumina carrier in the present invention may be prepared by conventional method. For example, during the preparation of carrier, the alumina powder and water are kneaded and extruded, then dried at 40 to 120°C, and calcinated at 300 to 600°C for 4 to 6 hours.

The catalyst according to the present invention is prepared by the most common impregnation process, that is, the addition of active component is accomplished by impregnation process. The present invention also provides the best preparation process for the present catalyst: alkaline earth metal, lanthanum and/or cerium are preferably added prior to palladium, especially prior to the formation of alumina in θ form or in θ , α mixed form, leading to better improvement of acidity, activity and stability of the carrier.

The present invention also provides a specific preparation process for the present catalyst: the soluble salts of alkaline earth metal, lanthanum and/or cerium nitrates are dissolved in water to form a solution, and then the carrier is impregnated with the said solution, dried at 40 to 120°C, and calcinated at 900 to 1100°C for 4 to 6 hours to obtain alumina carrier in θ form or in θ , α mixed form comprising alkaline earth metal elements, lanthanum and/or cerium. The impregnation loading of metal palladium is the same as the impregnation technique of common shell catalyst, that is, the alumina carrier in θ form or in θ , α mixed form is first pre-impregnated with a liquid miscible with a salt solution containing

noble metal palladium, and then the pre-impregnated alumina carrier in θ form or in θ,α mixed form is impregnated with the salt solution containing noble metal palladium. Thereafter the resultant impregnated alumina carrier is washed, dried and calcinated at 350 to 500°C for 2 to 4 hours to obtain the catalyst product.

The most common liquid which is used for pre-impregnating the alumina carrier in θ form or in θ,α mixed form and is miscible with a salt solution containing noble metal palladium is deionized water.

The catalyst according to the present invention may be prepared by another process: soluble salts of alkaline earth metal, lanthanum and/or cerium are added into water to dissolve, and then alumina powder is added into the solution, kneaded followed by extrusion, dried at 40 to 120°C, and calcinate at 900 to 1100°C for 4 to 6 hours. Then the carrier is impregnated with palladium. The impregnation of palladium is accomplished using general impregnation methods, as described above.

It is not limited that the catalyst according to the present invention is obtained by the preparation process described herein. The catalyst product according to the present invention may be used after reduction with hydrogen in the reactor.

Pd as active component in the catalyst is in the amount of 0.2-0.5 wt%, preferably, 0.2-0.4 wt%. Too low amount of Pd will lead to the hydrogenation activity of catalyst too low. Contrarily, too high amount of Pd will lead to the initial activity of catalyst too high.

The addition of lanthanum and/or cerium into the catalyst according to the present invention may inhibit the growth of Al_2O_3 crystalline during the calcination at elevated temperature, increase the dispersion of Pd, increase the surface basicity of the carrier, and improve the hydrogenation activity and stability of the catalyst. The amount of lanthanum and/or cerium in the catalyst is 2 to 8 wt%, preferably 2 to 6 wt%. The effect of lanthanum and/or cerium is not significant when their content is too low, and the activity of the catalyst would be influenced when their content is too high. The rare earth metal may be one or two of lanthanum and cerium, preferably is cerium.

In one aspect, after the addition of alkaline earth metal into the catalyst according to the present invention, the surface acidity of the catalyst may be regulated by calcination at elevated temperature, and the colloid-resistance property of the catalyst during the hydrogenation may be improved. In another aspect, the incorporated alkaline earth metal together with lanthanum and/or cerium may have a synergy effect with alumina, prevent the loss of the specific surface area of the alumina carrier, and improve the thermal stability and chemical stability of the alumina carrier. The content of the alkaline earth metal in the catalyst is 2 to 8 wt%, preferably 3 to 6 wt%. The effect of the alkaline earth metal is not significant when its content is too low, and the activity of the catalyst would be influenced when its content is too high. The alkaline earth metal may be one or more of Mg, Ba, Sr and the like, preferably is Mg.

The catalyst according to the present invention may comprise other components such as one or more of Ag, K and the like, in addition to the required components, the content of the other components being generally 0 to 0.2 wt%, preferably 0.4 to 1.7 wt%.

The carrier of the catalyst according to the present invention is alumina in θ form or in

θ, α mixed form characterized in proper specific surface area and pore distribution, good activity and stability, which is better than alumina carriers in other crystallization form. When the alumina in θ, α mixed form mainly composed of θ form is used, it is preferable to have less than 15% of α form and 80 to 120 m²/g of specific surface area.

The Al₂O₃ powder used in the catalyst according to the present invention may be commercial available alumina powder, such as those obtained by nitric acid method or carbon dioxide method. The shape of the alumina carrier is not particularly limited in the present invention, it may be in sphere or extruded strip form.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

Source of starting materials and analysis method:

Alumina powder: available from Shandong Taiguang Company Limited

Alumina carrier: extruded strip

Example 1

180 ml water was added to 300 g alumina powder, which was then kneaded and extruded, dried in air at 120°C and calcinated at 540°C for 4 hours. Then 76.5 g magnesium nitrate and 28.7 g lanthanum nitrate were dissolved in water and impregnated onto the carrier, dried in air at 120°C and calcinated at 1020°C for 4 hours to produce Al₂O₃ carrier.

5.25 g palladium chloride powder having a palladium content of not less than 59% was weighed and added into 200 ml water, followed by the addition of hydrochloric acid. After dissolution, the solution was diluted to 1.2 L with deionized water. The pH value was adjusted depending on the thickness of the shell needed. 1.0 kg carrier product was weighed, and deionized water was added to impregnate the carrier. The water was filtered off. The prepared palladium chloride solution was poured onto the carrier, and the mixture was heated to boil under stirring. After 20 minutes, the solution was filtered, dried at 120°C in air and calcinated at 480°C for 4 hours, thereby obtaining the catalyst.

Comparative example 1

180 ml water was added to 300 g alumina powder, which was then kneaded and extruded, dried at 120°C in air and calcinated at 540°C for 4 hours. Then 76.5 g magnesium nitrate was dissolved in water and impregnated onto the carrier, dried at 120°C in air and calcinated at 1020°C for 4 hours to produce Al₂O₃ carrier.

The preparation of the catalyst is similar to that of Example 1.

Comparative example 2

180 ml water was added to 300 g alumina powder, which was then kneaded and extruded, dried at 120°C in air and calcinated at 540°C for 4 hours. Then 28.7 g lanthanum nitrate was dissolved in water and impregnated onto the carrier, dried at 120°C in air and calcinated at 1020°C for 4 hours to produce Al₂O₃ carrier.

The preparation of the catalyst is similar to that of Example 1.

Comparative example 3

180 ml water was added to 300 g alumina powder, which was then kneaded and extruded, dried at 120°C in air and calcinated at 540°C for 4 hours. Then 45.2 g cerium nitrate was dissolved in water and impregnated onto the carrier, dried at 120°C in air and calcinated at 1020°C for 4 hours to produce Al₂O₃ carrier.

The preparation of the catalyst is similar to that of Example 1.

Example 2

180 ml water was added to 300 g alumina powder, which was then kneaded and extruded, dried at 120°C in air and calcinated at 560°C for 4 hours. Then 100.7 g magnesium nitrate and 34.5 g cerium nitrate were dissolved in water and impregnated onto the carrier, dried at 120°C in air and calcinated at 1030°C for 4 hours to produce Al₂O₃ carrier in θ form.

5.6 g palladium chloride powder having a palladium content of not less than 59% was weighed and added into 200 ml water, followed by the addition of hydrochloric acid. After dissolution, the solution was diluted to 1.2 L with deionized water. The pH value was adjusted depending on the thickness of the shell needed. 1.0 kg carrier product was weighed, and deionized water was added to impregnate the carrier. The water was filtered off. The prepared palladium chloride solution was poured onto the carrier, and the mixture was heated to boil under stirring. After 20 minutes, the solution was filtered, dried at 120°C in air and calcinated at 450°C for 4 hours to produce the catalyst.

Comparative example 4

180 ml water was added to 300 g alumina powder, which was then kneaded and extruded, dried at 120°C in air and calcinated at 560°C for 4 hours. Then 69.7 g magnesium nitrate and 34.5 g cerium nitrate were dissolved in water and impregnated onto the carrier, dried at 120°C in air and calcinated at 850°C for 4 hours to produce Al₂O₃ carrier in δ form.

The preparation of the catalyst is similar to that of Example 2.

Example 3

102.5 g magnesium nitrate, 20.1 g cerium nitrate and 19.4 g lanthanum nitrate were dissolved in 180 ml water and added into 300 g alumina powder. The mixture was kneaded and extruded, dried at 120°C in air and calcinated at 1050°C for 4 hours to produce Al₂O₃ carrier in θ form.

5.07 g palladium chloride powder having a palladium content of not less than 59% was weighed and added into 200 ml water, followed by the addition of hydrochloric acid. After dissolution, the solution was diluted to 1.1 L with deionized water. The pH value was adjusted depending on the thickness of the shell needed. 1.0 kg carrier product was weighed, and deionized water was added to impregnate the carrier. The water was filtered off. The prepared palladium chloride solution was poured onto the carrier, and the mixture was heated

to boil under stirring. After 20 minutes, the solution was filtered, dried at 120°C in air and calcinated at 460°C for 4 hours to produce the catalyst.

Example 4

Selective hydrogenation catalyst carrier for medium or low distillate supplied by Shandong Taiguang Company Limited is used and calcinated at 500°C for 4 hours. Then 162.9 g magnesium nitrate, 38.6 g cerium nitrate and 1.8 g silver nitrate were dissolved in water and impregnated onto the carrier, dried at 120°C in air and calcinated at 1050°C for 4 hours to produce Al₂O₃ carrier in θ form.

5.95 g palladium chloride powder having a palladium content of not less than 59% was weighed and added into 200 ml water, followed by the addition of hydrochloric acid. After dissolution, the solution was diluted to 1.2 L with deionized water. The pH value was adjusted depending on the thickness of the shell needed. 1.0 kg carrier product was weighed, and deionized water was added to impregnate the carrier. The water was filtered off. The prepared palladium chloride solution was poured onto the carrier, and the mixture was heated to boil under stirring. After 20 minutes, the solution was filtered, dried at 120°C in air and calcinated at 460°C for 4 hours to produce the catalyst.

Example 5

180 ml water was added to 300 g alumina powder, which was then kneaded and extruded, dried at 120°C in air and calcinated at 560°C for 4 hours. Then 13.1 g barium nitrate, 9.1 g strontium nitrate and 34.5 g cerium nitrate were dissolved in water and impregnated onto the carrier, dried at 120°C in air and calcinated at 1000°C for 4 hours to produce Al₂O₃ carrier in θ form.

4.72 g palladium chloride powder having a palladium content of not less than 59% was weighed and added into 200 ml water, followed by the addition of hydrochloric acid. After dissolution, the solution was diluted to 580 ml with deionized water. The pH value was adjusted depending on the thickness of the shell needed. 1.0 kg carrier product was weighed, and deionized water was added to impregnate the carrier. The water was filtered off. The prepared palladium chloride solution was poured onto the carrier, and the mixture was heated to boil under stirring. After 20 minutes, the solution was filtered, dried at 120°C in air and calcinated at 470°C for 4 hours to produce the catalyst.

Example 6

180 ml water was added to 300 g alumina powder, which was then kneaded and extruded, dried at 120°C in air and calcinated at 560°C for 4 hours. Then 30.5 g strontium nitrate and 45.52 g lanthanum nitrate were dissolved in water and impregnated onto the carrier, dried at 120°C in air and calcinated at 1050°C for 4 hours to produce Al₂O₃ carrier in θ, α mixed form.

5.78 g palladium chloride powder having a palladium content of not less than 59% was weighed and added into 200 ml water, followed by the addition of hydrochloric acid. After dissolution, the solution was diluted to 590 ml with deionized water. The pH value was

adjusted depending on the thickness of the shell needed. 1.0 kg carrier product was weighed, impregnated with the prepared palladium chloride solution, dried at 120°C in air and calcinated at 450°C for 4 hours to produce the catalyst.

Comparative example 5

180 ml water was added to 300 g alumina powder, which was then kneaded and extruded, dried at 120°C in air and calcinated at 560°C for 4 hours. Then 7.6 g potassium nitrate and 2.1 g silver nitrate were dissolved in water and impregnated onto the carrier, dried at 120°C in air and calcinated at 980°C for 4 hours to produce Al₂O₃ carrier in θ form.

The preparation of the catalyst is similar to that of Example 6.

Industry applicability

Oil for evaluation: available from Lanzhou Chemical Company

Table 1 Properties of the hydrogenation feed oil (C₅-C₉)

Color	Iodine value $\times 10^{-2}$ (g/g)	Diolefin $\times 10^{-2}$ (g/g)	Distillation range (°C)	Sulfur content (ppm)	Colloid $\times 10^{-2}$ (mg/ml)	Water content (ppm)	Density (g/ml)	Arsenic content (ppb)
Yellow	171.3	33.7	45-205	96	13.0	650	0.815	36

Apparatus for evaluation: 100 ml adiabatic bed hydrogenation apparatus

Analysis method

specific surface area: BET method

Pore volume: BET method

Diolefin: Diolefin value of oil is determined by malic anhydride method and is expressed as g iodine/100 g oil

Iodine value: Iodine value of oil is determined by iodine chloride method and is expressed as g iodine/100 g oil

The physical properties of the catalysts of examples and comparative examples are shown in Table 2.

Table 2 Physical properties of the catalyst samples of Examples 1-6 and Comparative examples 1-5

	Ex. 1	Comp. example 1	Comp. example 2	Comp. example 3	Ex. 2	Comp. example 4	Ex. 3	Ex. 4	Ex. 5	Ex. 6	Comp. example 5
Crystallization form of the carrier	θ	θ	θ, α mixed form $\alpha < 5\%$	θ	θ	δ	θ	θ	θ	θ, α mixed form $\alpha < 10\%$	θ
Dimension	$\Phi 2.8-3.0 \times 3-8$ trifolium-shaped										
Specific surface area (m^2/g)	93	90	92	95	96	103	105	94	102	91	104
Pore volume (ml/g)	0.47	0.46	0.47	0.47	0.46	0.49	0.45	0.47	0.44	0.48	0.46
Pd content (%)	0.30	0.30	0.30	0.30	0.32	0.32	0.29	0.34	0.27	0.33	0.30
Shell thickness (mm)	0.08	0.10	0.09	0.09	0.08	0.15	0.07	0.11	0.07	0.10	0.13
K content (%)	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	1.3
Mg content (%)	3.1	3.2	/	/	3.9	2.7	3.9	6.1	/	/	/
Ba content (%)	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	2.9	/	/
Sr content (%)	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	1.5	5.1	/
La content (%)	3.9	/	4.2	/	/	/	2.5	/	/	5.9	/
Ce content (%)	/	/		6.4	4.6	4.6	2.6	4.9	4.7	/	/
Ag content (%)	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	0.45	/	/	0.6

$\text{C}_5\text{-C}_9$ distillate of pyrolysis oil is used as the feed, and the property thereof is shown in Table 1. The catalysts of Example 1-6 and Comparative example 1-5 were evaluated. The evaluation was carried out on 100 ml adiabatic bed hydrogenation apparatus. The catalysts were first reduced under hydrogen at 110°C for 10 hours. After cooling to 40°C , the feed oil was fed. The reaction condition: reaction pressure 2.8 MPa, inlet temperature 40°C , fresh feed oil rate 3.5 h^{-1} , volume ratio of hydrogen to oil 200:1 (based on fresh oil). The evaluation was carried out for 200 hours. And the iodine value and diolefin of the products were analyzed every 6 hours. The average data of the iodine value and diolefin of the product for each catalyst during the 200-hour evaluation are shown in Table 3.

Table 3 The average data of 200-hour evaluation for catalysts of examples and comparative examples

		Ex. 1	Comp. example 1	Comp. example 2	Comp. example 3	Ex. 2	Comp. example 4	Ex. 3	Ex. 4	Ex. 5	Ex. 6	Comp. example 5
Product oil	Diolefin value g iodine/100g oil	1.01	1.18	1.22	1.82	1.02	0.98	1.05	2.01	1.34	1.15	1.87
	Iodine value g iodine/100g oil	42.6	44.2	45.3	45.3	41.5	41.2	43.7	42.8	44.8	45.1	45.6
After reacting for 200 hours, the colloid content on the catalyst %		7.5	7.8	9.8	9.9	7.2	12.6	7.4	8.8	7.5	7.9	10.1

The catalyst sample of Example 2 was performed 1000 hour long period evaluation. The evaluation was carried out on 100 ml adiabatic bed hydrogenation apparatus. The catalysts were first reduced under hydrogen at 106°C for 10 hours. After cooling to 45°C, the feed oil was fed. The reaction condition: reaction pressure 2.8 MPa, inlet temperature ~45°C, fresh feed oil rate 3.5 h⁻¹, volume ratio of hydrogen to oil 200:1 (based on fresh oil). The property of the hydrogenation feed oil (C₅-C₉) is shown in Table 1. The iodine value and diolefin of the product were evaluated for each 12 hours. The average analysis data in each 200 hours were obtained and the evaluation results are shown in Table 4. During the 1000-hour operation time of feeding the feed, the iodine value and diolefin value of the hydrogenation product maintained at low level, which indicates that the catalyst of Example 2 is suitable for the relatively worse hydrogenation feed having a diolefin value of 33.7 g iodine/100 g oil, iodine value of 171 g iodine/100 g oil, water amount of 650 ppm, arsenic amount of 36 ppb and colloid amount of 13 mg/100 ml. The catalyst has an ability against impurities such as colloid, water, arsenic and the like, and a good stability as well as good hydrogenation activity.

Table 4 1000-hour evaluation data for catalysts of Example 2 and Comparative Example 4

Cumulative operation time (h)	Hydrogenation product index			
	Catalyst of Example 2		Catalyst of Comparative example 4	
	Diolefin 10^{-2} (g/g)	Iodine value $\times 10^{-2}$ (g/g)	Diolefin 10^{-2} (g/g)	Iodine value $\times 10^{-2}$ (g/g)
200	0.8	42.5	0.8	40.9
400	1.0	44.8	1.1	45.8
600	1.2	48.6	1.8	47.3
800	1.4	50.2	2.5	48.1
1000	1.6	52.7	2.8	50.2

The hydrogenation catalyst according to the present invention has good hydrogenation performance, especially under the condition that the hydrogenation feed contains a small quantity of water and colloid, the catalyst still has good hydrogenation activity and stability. The catalyst is suitable for the selective hydrogenation of medium or low distillate oil, especially for the first stage selective hydrogenation of pyrolysis gasoline.

What is claimed is:

1. A selective hydrogenation catalyst having alumina as carrier and palladium as active component that distributed on the surface of the carrier in an egg-shell form, characterized in that based on the total weight of the catalyst, it comprises:

0.2 to 0.5 wt% Pd as active component,

2 to 8 wt% lanthanum and/or cerium as aids,

2 to 8 wt% alkaline earth metal, and

0 to 2.0 wt% Ag and/or K,

wherein said catalyst has a shell thickness of 0.07 to 0.15 mm, a specific surface area of 70 to 150 m²/g, a pore volume of 0.3 to 0.6 ml/g; and the crystal form of said carrier is θ form or θ,α mixed form mainly composed of θ form.

2. The selective hydrogenation catalyst according to claim 1, characterized in that the alkaline earth metal is one or more of calcium, magnesium, strontium and barium.

3. The selective hydrogenation catalyst according to claim 1, characterized in that the alkaline earth metal in the catalyst is in the amount of 3 to 6 wt%.

4. The selective hydrogenation catalyst according to claim 1, characterized in that the catalyst has a specific surface area of 80 to 120 m²/g.

5. The selective hydrogenation catalyst according to claim 1, characterized in that the Pd in the catalyst is in the amount of 0.2 to 0.4 wt%.

6. The selective hydrogenation catalyst according to claim 1, characterized in that the lanthanum and/or cerium in the catalyst is in the amount of 2 to 6 wt%.

7. The selective hydrogenation catalyst according to claim 1, characterized in that in the case where the alumina carrier is in θ,α mixed form mainly composed of θ form, the α form is less than 15%.

8. The selective hydrogenation catalyst according to claim 1, characterized in that the added amount of Ag and/or K in the catalyst is 0.4 to 1.7 wt%.

9. A method for preparing the selective hydrogenation catalyst according to claim 1, characterized in that the active component is added by means of impregnation, and the alkaline earth metal, lanthanum and/or cerium are added prior to the addition of palladium.

10. A method for preparing the selective hydrogenation catalyst according to claim 1, characterized in that alkaline earth metal, lanthanum and/or cerium are added prior to the formation of alumina in θ form or θ,α mixed form.

11. A method for preparing the selective hydrogenation catalyst according to claim 1, characterized in comprising:

dissolving the soluble salts of alkaline earth metal element, lanthanum and/or cerium in water to form a solution;

impregnating the carrier with said solution;

drying at 40 to 120 °C;

calcinating at 900 to 1100°C for 4 to 6 hours, thereby forming the alumina carrier in θ form or θ,α mixed form containing alkaline earth metal element, lanthanum and/or cerium;

pre-impregnating the said alumina carrier in θ form or in θ,α mixed form with a liquid miscible with a salt solution containing noble metal palladium;

then impregnating the pre-impregnated alumina carrier in θ form or in θ,α mixed form with the salt solution containing noble metal palladium;

washing and drying the resultant impregnated alumina carrier ; and

calcinating at 350 to 500°C for 2 to 4 hours, thereby obtaining the catalyst product.