

ABSTRACT

A process for preparing hydroperoxides which comprises oxidizing hydrocarbon by a gas containing oxygen in the presence of a specific compound and converting them selectively to corresponding hydroperoxides.

5 The specific compound is the compound that can capture radicals. The preferable example may be a compound selected from radicals of oxygen, nitrogen, phosphorus, sulfur, carbon or silicon or a compound that forms radicals of these in the reaction system.

10 The present invention can be applied to oxidation of hydrocarbons including arylalkylhydrocarbons such as cumene, m-diisopropylbenzene, p-diisopropylbenzene, 1,3,5-triisopropylbenzene, isopropylnaphthalene, diisopropylnaphthalene, isopropylbiphenyl, diisopropylbiphenyl, etc.

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