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(54) Title: PROCESS AND CATALYST FOR OXIDATIVE ESTERIFICATION WITH MECHANICALLY STRONG AND CHEMICALLY RESISTANT CATALYST

(57) Abstract: A catalyst comprising a noble metal disposed on a support. The noble metal is present in an amount ranging from 0.1 wt % to 10 wt % relative to the total weight of the catalyst. The support comprises at least 50 wt % silicon carbide relative to the total weight of the support. The silicon carbide has a surface area of at least 5 m²/g. A method for preparing methyl methacrylate from methacrolein and methanol using the catalyst is also disclosed.

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