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Kinetic Model for Soybean Oil Hydrogenation Using

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A kinetic model including isomerization of fatty acids for soybean oil considering the adsorption of fatty acids on the catalyst surface affected the reaction rate has been evaluated in this study. The hydrogenation of soybean oil was carried out in a 12 l loop reactor equipped with a venturi nozzle. A reduced nickel catalyst was used. The hydrogenation experiment was carried out under various conditions. The adsorption of fatty acids including *trans*-acids on the surface of the catalyst significantly affected the reaction rate of the hydrogenation. The adsorption of *trans*-acids on the catalyst surface was significantly affected by the reaction temperature, flow rate of catalyst-oil mixture, hydrogen pressure, and the amount of catalyst. The adsorption of *trans*-acids on the catalyst surface was significantly affected by the reaction temperature, flow rate of catalyst-oil mixture, hydrogen pressure, and the amount of catalyst.

coefficients of linolenic and linoleic acids were much greater than those of saturated acids, which indicated that the former acids were hydrogenated faster. The time course of fatty acid concentration calculated from the hydrokinetic model derived from the kinetic model proposed in this study was in good agreement with that obtained from experiments. The kinetic model explained the hydrokinetic consideration of *trans*-acid formation.

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