Kureha bead-shaped activated carbon (BAC) is a highly spherical activated carbon with petroleum pitch as its raw material. In addition to intrinsically having the absorption performance of activated carbon, BAC has various features.

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### BAC features

1. Small particle, high-fill capability
2. High flowability
3. High purity, low dust
4. High strength, high wear resistance
5. Narrow particle size distribution

### BAC production method

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- Raw oil
- Pitch synthesis
- Bead formation
- Infusibilization
- Activation
- Sieving
- Product
**BAC Product Specifications**

### BAC grade

BAC may be classified into 4 grades based on average particle size:

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Property</th>
<th>A-BAC SP</th>
<th>A-BAC MP</th>
<th>A-BAC LP</th>
<th>G-BAC G-70R</th>
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<tr>
<td>Average particle size mm</td>
<td>≤0.40</td>
<td>0.50 ± 0.05</td>
<td>0.60 ± 0.05</td>
<td>0.70 ≤</td>
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<td>0.25 mm and below wt %</td>
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<td>0.71 mm and above wt %</td>
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<td>0.30 and below wt %</td>
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<td>≤5</td>
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<td>0.85 mm and above wt %</td>
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<td>0.6 mm and below wt %</td>
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**Narrow particle size distribution**

### BAC packing

The standard packing is a 20 kg paper sack and a 600 kg flexible container.

※ Please inquire for details regarding other grades, etc.
**Characteristic values**

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<tr>
<td>Shape</td>
<td>Sphere</td>
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<tr>
<td>Fill density</td>
<td>approx. 0.6 g/ml</td>
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<tr>
<td>Specific surface area*</td>
<td>1,100 – 1,300 m²/g</td>
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<tr>
<td>Hardness</td>
<td>95% or higher</td>
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<tr>
<td>Reduction on drying</td>
<td>5% or less</td>
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<tr>
<td>Iodine absorption capacity</td>
<td>1,200 – 1,350 mg/g</td>
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<td>Carbon tetrachloride absorption capacity</td>
<td>70 – 85%</td>
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<td>Caramel decoloring power</td>
<td>80 – 95%</td>
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<td>Methylene blue decoloring power</td>
<td>220 270 ml/g</td>
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<tr>
<td>ABS value</td>
<td>50 or less</td>
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<tr>
<td>Phenol value</td>
<td>60 or less</td>
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<tr>
<td>Residue on ignition (ash)</td>
<td>0.05% or less</td>
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*Measurement method: BET method

**Test of carbon tetrachloride absorption capacity: specific volume**

![Graph showing absorption capacity over time](image)

Good absorption capacity due to its unique shape
Cleaning capability

- Carbon dust quantity
- Residue on ignition (ash)

Measurement method:
- Kureha standard test method
- JIS K 1474-5.9 standard

Wear resisting capability

- Abrasion rate (%)

Measurement method: Kureha standard test method

Angle of repose $\theta$

- Petroleum origin
- Palm shell A
- Palm shell B

Measurement method: Kureha standard test method

High flowability
1. Solvent recovery

There are various organic solvents in the world of industry. On the one hand, products of superior quality have been brought forth, while on the other hand, solvents are discharged into the atmosphere and have become a serious societal problem. Because of this, Kureha Engineering (Ltd.), which is a Kureha group company, has commercialized fluidized bed solvent recovery equipment (Product name: GASTAK), and has delivered over 400 units to electrical, chemical, automotive, and other industrial plants abroad and domestically. The GASTAK has been getting good reviews as equipment for energy saving, solvent recovery without water discharge, and deiodination.

2. Gas treatment of filters and the like

Taking advantage of low pressure losses resulting from BAC’s high purity, low dust, and bead shape, BAC is being adopted as an absorption material for filters in semiconductor clean rooms that call for strict cleanliness, absorption material for gas treatment of electronics equipment, and filters that clean the interior environment of automobiles.

3. Water treatment

Activated carbon adsorption treatment, which is a type of water treatment, has come to be regarded as necessary in recent years with the contamination of water coupled with the tightening of regulations. And, the demand for activated carbon is increasing. Among activated carbon absorption treatments, the removal efficiency of the fluidized bed method is superior. BAC has longer than a 10 year record of delivering products to water purification plants that are adopting this fluidized bed method. Additionally, making the most of its features of high purity, low dust, and high wear resistance, and the like, BAC is also being used in purified water production equipment and waste water treatment equipment.

4. Other

- Absorption material for use in purification of chemical products
- Absorption material for catalyst and carrier use
- Collector material for gas analysis
- Packing material for gas chromatographs
- Absorption material for insoles
- Parts for sterilizing equipment.