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| **Drying Agent** | **Capacity** | **Speed** | **Suitability** |
| Na2SO4 | high | low | Generally useful |
| MgSO4 | high | high | Generally uselful |
| CaCl2 | high | medium | Useful for hydrocarbons\* |
| CaSO4 | low | high | Generally useful |

\* Organic liquids that are not hydrocarbons, such as alcohols, amines, and different

carbonyl containing compounds are also absorbed by CaCl2. It can’t be used to dry these liquids but it can help remove these types of impurities from a hydrocarbon.