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mesogenic pitch

A pitch with a complex mixture of numerous essentially aromatic hydrocarbons. It does not contain anisotropic particles detectable by optical microscopy. Mesogenic pitch is low in quinoline-insoluble fractions and capable of transforming into mesophase pitch during continuous heat treatment above 750 K by the formation of optically detectable carbonaceous mesophase.

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