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REFORMER SYSTEM AND REFORMING METHOD

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REFORMERSYSTEM SOWIE VERFAHREN ZUR REFORMIERUNG

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Abstract (en)

[origin: WO2007042278A1] The invention relates to a reformer system comprising a reformer (14) for reacting a hydrocarbon-containing fuel (12) to a hydrogen-rich reformate gas (18). The inventive system is characterized by comprising a HC adsorber (20), mounted downstream of the reformer and adapted to adsorb hydrocarbons contained in the reformate gas (18) or to desorb previously adsorbed hydrocarbons to the reformate gas in a temperature-dependent manner. The reformer system is adapted to forward the reformate gas (18) to a consumer once it has passed the HC adsorber (20). The temporal progression of the adsorption/desorption behavior of the HC adsorber (20) is adapted to the temporal progression of the operating behavior of the consumer (26, 28, 30) during an operating phase of the reformer depending on the reformate gas temperature prevailing in the operating phase and/or depending on a temperature gradient of the reformate gas prevailing during the operating phase in such a manner that a substantial desorption of hydrocarbons from the HC adsorber (20) takes place only if the consumer (26, 28, 30) is in an operating state in which the desorbed hydrocarbons are processed by the consumer (26, 28, 30) in such a manner as to not substantially affect the hydrocarbon content of the gases emitted by the consumer (26, 28, 30) and/or the function of the consumer (26, 28, 30).

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