

# Derepression and Activation of Pyrite: A Review

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**Abstract:** Lime depressing process is commonly used in the early stage of flotation separation for polymetallic minerals containing pyrite. This method performs better than other methods for separation methods. To obtain a better recovery, lime-depressed pyrite should be activated. In the field of ore beneficiation, the mechanism of activation of lime-depressed pyrite has been widely studied and some progress has been made. In this paper, the main factors affecting floatability of pyrite, the progress in research on the activation mechanisms of different activators, and the mechanical activating effect on pyrite were reviewed and discussed to provide a reference for the theoretical study and application of high-efficiency processing for pyrite resources.

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