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Surface modification of metals by plasma electrolytic oxidation

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1. Introduction

- Light metals
- Surface treatment methods
- Plasma electrolytic oxidation (PEO)

1-1 Introduction: Light metals



Advantages

High specific strength (AI, Mg, Ti) Good electrical and thermal conductivity (AI) Electromagnetic shielding (Mg) Biocompatibility (Ti)

Limitations

Relatively low strength (Mg, Al, Ti) Low corrosion resistance (Mg and Al) Poor surface hardness (Mg and Al) Bio inertia (Ti)

1-2 Introduction: Surface treatment methods



Sol-Gel

Electroplating



Important Features

• Eco-friendly

• High performance

• Excellent adhesion

- Functional properties
- Cost-effective
- Simple process





Anodizing



1-3 Introduction: Plasma electrolysis oxidation (PEO)







Electrochemical reaction at the cathode $2H_2O + 2e^- \rightarrow H_2 + 2OH^-$

1-4 Introduction: Plasma electrolysis oxidation (PEO)

Microstructure



Corrosion resistance

2. Research experience

- Fundamentals of PEO
- Structural properties
- Functionalization

2-1 Fundamentals of PEO

Processing-structure relationship

Control of plasma discharges¹

Surface TEM, STEM, EDAX Cross-section Base Base outer laye 5 mm 100 nm 20 s 180 s 300 s 540 s EDTA outer layer inner layer 5 nm 10µm 5 mm 5 mm 20 s 180 s 300 s 540 s Samples appearance Cu-EDTA iter lave EDTA Cu-EDTA Base 10µm 20 s 180 s 300 s 540 s 'soft' plasma

Structural characterizations^{1,2}

¹Kamil et al. Scientific Reports (2017) ²Kamil et al. Electrochemistry Communications (2018)

2-1 Fundamentals of PEO

Mechanism of plasma discharges¹

STEM, HRTEM, EDAX analyses



Impurity-rich area as ignition sites for plasma discharges

Impurity-induced discharges



Formation of plasma discharges on impurity sites Reduction of potential barrier by Poole-Frenkel effect

¹Kamil et al. Electrochemistry Communications (2018)

2-1 Fundamentals of PEO

Chemical characterizations



2-2 Structural properties

Sub-layered structures of PEO

Pure metal oxide¹



MgO

Inner layer : amorphous Outer layer : nanocrystalline

¹Kamil et al. Journal of Alloys and Compounds (2017) ²Kamil et al. Electrochemistry Communications (2018)

With incorporation of modifiers²



MgO + Mg₂SiO₄ Inner layer : nanocrystalline Outer layer : amorphous + nanocrystalline

2-2 Structural properties

Structure-corrosion properties relationship¹



DC-polarization technique



AC-impedance technique



¹Kamil et al. Chemical Engineering Journal (2020)

2-3 Functionalization

Exploration of new coating properties





Catalytic efficiency

$$\eta = \frac{C_0 - C_t}{C_0} \times 100\%$$

 η = catalytic efficiency

- C_0 = initial concentration of MB
- C_t = concentration of MB at a given time

Plateau starts from 24 h Long-term stability is confirmed by reusability test

¹Kamil et al. Chemical Engineering Journal (2020)

2-3 **Functionalization**

Theoretical calculations for modifier compounds



¹Kamil et al. Chemical Engineering Journal (2020)

3. Future potential

Metallic device with multiple functional properties

3 Exploration and improvement of practical applications



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Thank you

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ii In-house apparatus

1. Processing devices



2. Characterization devices













