Ag-based perovskite as a DOC for diesel engine exhaust

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For a diesel oxidation catalyst (DOC) oxidizing CO and hydrocarbon, the oxidation of NO into NO₂ is also an important role for DOC to improve the deNOx activity of NH₃/SCR and LNT systems in the downstream of DOC installed into diesel after-treatment system. It has been commonly recognized that Pt-based catalyst is effective for the oxidation of NO. However, the use of Pt becomes limited, due to its high cost and poor thermal stability. In the present study, $La_{1-x}A'_{x}BO_{3}$ perovskite (A'=Ag, Sr, B=Mn, Co) were prepared and examined for developing a new catalyst formulation revealing high DOC activity. Among the catalysts prepared, the Ag-containing perovskite revealed not only the superior CO and C₃H₆ oxidation activity, but also the considerable NO oxidation activity of NO and CO over Ag-based perovskite was higher than that over the commercial DOC, although this trend reversed in the C₃H₆ oxidation activity. The high DOC activity of the Ag-containing perovskite might be due to the abundant oxygen vacancies and the metallic Ag species formed on the surface of perovskite by partial substitution of Ag into the Asite of perovskite.

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