

Performance of Ce-promoted Ni/Al₂O₃ Catalysts for the Combined Steam and Carbon Dioxide Reforming of Methane

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Supported Ni catalysts were promoted with cerium oxide for the combined steam and carbon dioxide reforming of methane (CSCRM). Cerium oxide has a dominant ability to supply the active oxygen species which suppresses coke formation by oxidizing surface carbon on the catalyst. Ce-promoted Ni/Al₂O₃ catalysts with various Ce content have been prepared by using co-impregnation method and characterized by XRD, BET and H₂-TPR. The reaction was performed with the ratio of (H₂O+CO₂)/CH₄ of 1.2 from 750 °C to 650 °C. Coke formation in used catalysts was examined by SEM. It has been found that catalytic activity and stability depends on the Ce content over Ni/Al₂O₃ catalyst and the optimum Ce content is 6wt%, resulting from the highest activity as well as high coke resistance.