

Calcination effects of potassium-based solid sorbents for CO₂ capture

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To investigate calcination effects of potassium-based sorbents using ZrO₂ or TiO₂ as a support, the sorbents were prepared by calcining at various temperatures from 300 °C to 700 °C under N₂ or air. The CO₂ capture capacity of the potassium-based TiO₂ sorbent depended on the calcination temperature and atmosphere, resulting from the formation of inactive K-Ti alloy structures, such as K₂Ti₂O₅, K₂Ti₆O₁₃ and K₂Ti₄O₉, during calcination at temperatures over 500 °C. On the other hands, the potassium-based ZrO₂ sorbents (KZrI30) showed excellent CO₂ capture capacity regardless of the calcination temperature and atmosphere. This result is because the KZrI30 sorbents show separated K₂CO₃ and ZrO₂ phases without any new structures throughout the calcination of the sorbent at high temperatures over 500 °C under N₂ or air.