

Synthesis of $(\text{Fe,Cr})_2\text{O}_3$ fine powder via spray pyrolysis as high near-infrared reflective black pigment.

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Cool pigments have received large attention due to their functions to the energy saving effect in buildings and automobiles. Natural sunlight is known to consist of 5% ultraviolet radiation 400 nm, 43% visible radiation and 52% near-infrared radiation (NIR, 700-2500 nm). Thus, high near-infrared (NIR) reflective materials have been interested as a cool pigment. Black pigments such as carbon black usually absorb NIR reflection as well as visible light. Recently, paint makers have interested in black pigments with high NIR-reflective properties for application to roadway surfaces, building walls, and automobiles. $(\text{Fe,Cr})_2\text{O}_3$ is known as black inorganic pigments that can effectively reflect NIR light. Until now, iron chromate has been synthesized by a solid-state reaction. In this work, spray pyrolysis was applied to prepare fine-sized spherical $(\text{Fe,Cr})_2\text{O}_3$ powder. The color and NIR reflective properties were investigated by changing the Fe/Cr ratio and the calcination temperature.