Characteristics of Pt-BaO/Hydrotalcite Catalysts for NOx Storage-Reduction Reaction

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To remove NOx more effectively, NOx Storage Reduction (NSR) technology is being used as one of the potential methods. In this study, we used hydrotalcite–derived Mg/Al mixed oxides as support materials for NSR catalysts instead of γ -Al₂O₃ which is commonly used in NSR catalysts. Hydrotalcite (HT) was prepared by applying coprecipitation method with the Mg/Al ratios of 1:9, 2:8, 3:7, 4:6, 5:5 and 6:4. Hydrotalcite was then calcined at 800 °C and used as NSR catalyst support. Pt and BaO were loaded by using incipient wetness impregnation method to produce Pt(2wt%)-BaO(20wt%)/(Al₂O₃ or HT) catalysts. All prepared catalysts were calcined at 500 °C, 650 °C and 800 °C, and the NOx storage activity of the catalysts was examined. In summary, HT-supported catalysts showed superior NOx storage performance compared with Al₂O₃-supported catalyst even after high temperature treatment, especially Mg/Al ratio is 4:6. Such superior property can be explained by the role of Mg which aids in improving Pt dispersion and inhibiting sintering of Pt.