

Characterization and thermal analysis of some Al-Mg-Si sheets

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Abstract

The knowledge of the mechanical behaviour of Al-Mg-Si alloys during a heating cycle is very important. Metallographic investigation of samples of these alloys allows us to know the change in the grain size. X ray diffraction technique permits us to know the existing phases. Differential scanning calorimetry(DSC) study of the samples allows us to follow the phase transformations during heating with various heating rates. The exploitation of the DSC cures by different methods of calculi in order to obtain the corresponding activation energy to each of the transformation reactions, which permits the knowledge of the mechanism responsible for the reaction in question. The dilatometric anomalous helps also to well understand the phase transformations which take place during heating and to get also the corresponding activation energy to each of the above anomalous.

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Electrochemical, morphological and structural properties of electrodeposited

ZnS Thin films

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Known as a n-type semiconductor, Zinc sulfide (ZnS) has the advantages of low consumption, nontoxic, and high exciton binding energy [1]. Therefore, it is widely used in solar cells, infrared windows, light emitting and in optoelectronic [2]. It has a direct band gap (3.7 eV) with two structures: Cubic 'Blende' and Hexagonal 'wurtzite' [3]. In this work, ZnS thin films have been deposited on indium tin oxide coated glass substrates by electrodeposition. The deposition was performed in acidic electrolyte containing ZnSO₄ and N₂S₂O₃ at two different pH values. From the Mott-Schottky plot, the n-type conductivity was confirmed. The morphological observation was carried out by scanning electron microscopy (SEM) and atomic force microscopy (AFM) and shows spherical grains. The structural analysis realised by X-Ray diffraction (XRD) indicated that the samples have a zinc blende structure. The energy gap is of the order of 3.74 eV which is in accord with literature.

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