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ABSTRACT

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In this article, a novel strategy has been proposed for the preparation of polyurethane/alumina aerogel (FPU/Alag) composites with homogeneous dispersion of alumina aerogel. The FPU/Alag composites have been prepared via immersing FPU foams into alumina sols followed by a freeze-drying method. Fire safety performance of the FPU composites with various Alag compositions in terms of thermal properties and flammability performance were evaluated. The composites demonstrated an earlier thermal degradation but higher thermal stability with increasing temperature and greater char yields than pure FPU. Total heat and smoke release, and rate of smoke emission of the FPU/Alag composites were found to be greatly reduced in comparison with those of FPU. Morphology and thermal Download English Version:

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