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#### **Abstract**

The NiO thin films were prepared by the electron beam evaporation method using synthesized sintered targets. As-prepared films were characterized using X-ray diffraction, scanning electron microscopy, UV-VIS spectroscopy and cyclic voltammetry. The thicker films have been found to exhibit well defined structure and well-developed crystallite size with greater transmittance modulation and durability. The as-deposited thinner films of 170 nm show fast response time during electrochromic cycles with coloration efficiency of 53.1 C/cm<sup>2</sup> revealing better electrochromic properties than the thicker ones. However, thicker films have been found showing no enhancement of electrochromic properties having a larger intercalated charge than the thinner ones. The electrochromic properties of thinner films were found deteriorated after 800 cycling tests.

Keywords: E-beam evaporation, Nickel oxide, Electrochromic properties.

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