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ABSTRACT:

Hydrogen desorption properties of α -AlH₃ doped with Nb species (Nb, Nb₂O₅ and NbF₅) were investigated. Doping Nb species improved the desorption properties of AlH₃. In particular, 1 mol% NbF₅-doped AlH₃ showed the lowest onset desorption temperature at 60 °C. Compared with Nb- or Nb₂O₅-doped AlH₃, the fine distribution of dopant was successfully achieved in NbF₅-doped AlH₃. The apparent activation energy for hydrogen desorption of AlH₃ was slightly decreased with the dopant of NbF₅. The improvement of desorption properties might be due to the finely dispersed Nb and/or AlF₃, which are formed by the reaction between NbF₅ and AlH₃ (surface Al₂O₃).

Keywords: Hydrogen storage; Aluminum hydride, Niobium Fluoride, Niobium oxide, Catalytic effect

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