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The catalytic performances of Au/TiO<sub>2</sub> catalysts in selective CO oxidation in the presence of excess hydrogen for fuel cell applications were studied at various conditions. The reactant gas consisting of 1% CO, 1% O<sub>2</sub>, 2% CO<sub>2</sub>, 2.6% H<sub>2</sub>O, and 40% H<sub>2</sub> balanced in He was used for testing reaction in the temperature range of 50-190°C. Deposition-precipitation (DP) and impregnation on sol-gel support (ISG) methods were used to prepare the catalysts. From the results, the DP catalysts exhibited much higher activity than the ISG catalysts. The calcination temperature and %Au loading had strong effects on catalytic activity. The 1% Au/TiO<sub>2</sub> catalyst prepared by DP method calcined at 400°C for 5 h showed the highest activity among the other prepared catalysts. The addition of Mg citrate as a promoter was also investigated to improve the catalytic performance of 1% Au/TiO<sub>2</sub> catalyst. Increasing amount of CO<sub>2</sub> present in the reactant gas resulted in a decrease in catalytic activity; however, the catalytic activity increased with increasing H<sub>2</sub>O content in the reactant gas.

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