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Synthesis of strontium titanate (SrTiO_3), fine powders with high purity by the oxalate process has been performed using strontium chloride as starting materials and potassium titanium oxalate as a precipitating agent. Effect of pH on the coprecipitated precursors was investigated at pH 3.0, 5.0, 7.0 and 9.0. The SrTiO_3 was obtained by calcination of the strontium oxalate complex at pH 3.0 at 700°C for 3 hours. The formation mechanism of SrTiO_3 was clarified using thermogravimetric and differential thermal analyses (TG-DTA) and X-ray diffraction (XRD). The morphology of SrTiO_3 powders was investigated using electron scanning microscopic (SEM) technique.

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