^{51}V Solid State NMR Studies of V_2O_5 Supported on TiO_2 – ZrO_2

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A series of vanadium oxide supported on TiO_2 – ZrO_2 was prepared by drying powdered $Ti(OH)_4$ – $Zr(OH)_4$ with ammonium metavanadate aqueous solution followed by calcining in air at high temperature. The characterization of prepared catalysts was performed using ^{51}V solid state NMR and Fourier transform infrared(FTIR). In the calcined catalysts ^{51}V NMR studies indicated the peaks corresponding to distorted tetrahedral vanadia species at low V_2O_5 contents and octahedral vanadia species at high vanadia loadings. The overtone bands corresponding to V=O were seen only at higher vanadia contents in the FTIR spectra of the catalysts.