

Spin glass-like state, charge ordering, phase diagram and positive entropy change in $\text{Nd}_{0.5-x}\text{Pr}_x\text{Sr}_{0.5}\text{MnO}_3$ perovskites

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Abstract: The mixed rare earth manganites $\text{Nd}_{0.5-x}\text{Pr}_x\text{Sr}_{0.5}\text{MnO}_3$ ($x=0.1-0.5$) have been prepared using solid state reaction technique. All samples are of single phase with orthorhombic structure. The microstructure of the samples was determined by SEM. The field-cooled (FC) and zero-field-cooled (ZFC) curves showed that samples with $x \geq 0.25$ exhibit the spin glass-like state at low field and low temperatures, whereas, in the samples with $x < 0.25$, there is the charge ordering (coexisting with FM-AFM transition) established at low temperatures. The Curie temperature of the samples increases with increasing Pr content due to increase of $\langle r_A \rangle$. Interesting feature is that at the FM-AFM transition region, the magnetic entropy change has positive value, in contrary to that at FM-PM transition region. The electrical property of the samples from 10 K to room temperature is examined in detail. © 2006 Elsevier B.V. All rights reserved.

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