

Instructions for Authors of Science and Technology of Energetic Materials (STEM)

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3. Types of articles

The following three types of articles will be considered for publications: **Review, Research paper, Letter**. The language of the article must be in English. The articles must be original and unpublished. The articles should follow the guidelines listed in these instructions and “Manuscript Preparation”. The articles should consist of the cover page, English abstract, key words, main text, references, figures (including the photographs) and tables.

3.1 Reviews

The collection and discussion on specific subjects in the area of explosives, energetic materials, and related areas should be compiled and discussed in the reviews. The maximum total length is 10 printed pages.

3.2 Research papers

The research papers should contain original and meaningful studies. The maximum total length is 6 printed pages. The number of figures and tables should be no more than 12.

3.3 Letters

The letters should be short reports which include original results and valuable scientific data. The maximum total length is 3 printed pages. A Letter can be published once more as a research paper with more detailed results and descriptions at a later date.

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- 4.5 Submitted manuscripts will not be returned to the authors.

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1. Text preparation

- 1.1 Manuscripts should be prepared using Microsoft Word™. Authors who could not use Microsoft Word™ should inform the editorial office and follow their instructions. Manuscripts should be prepared on A4 portrait format, leaving a margin (25 mm) on all four sides; point size should be 12; any page should not exceed 36 lines. Use font type “Century” or some other serif font type. Consecutive numbering of all pages is required. The main text should be prepared with numbered lines for efficient review.
- 1.2 The first page of the manuscript should include, the type of the article, title, authors' name, and the receipt and approval dates with a blank that could be filled in by the editorial office (e.g. “Received on _____” and “Accepted on _____”). Affiliations, addresses, a contact e-mail address and a contact telephone number should follow as shown in the example below. Your country name should be written in capital letters (e.g. JAPAN). The corresponding author must be identified with a superscript dagger on author's name.

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- 1.3** Authors are urged to prepare the manuscript as a single file including a cover page, an English abstract, informative key words of no more than five, main text, references, figures and tables in this order. Page numbers should be inserted at the bottom center starting from the cover page throughout the manuscript.
- 1.4** Subsequent papers should be numbered as e.g. (I), (II).
- 1.5** The main text for research papers should preferably contain sections such as the Introduction, Theoretical, Experimental, Results, Discussion, and Conclusion. The unnecessary sections can be omitted.
- 1.6** Articles should be written clearly and concisely.
- 1.7** Sections, subsections, and sub-subsections should be numbered, e.g. 1., 1.2, and 1.2.3, respectively.
- 1.8** Mathematical formulas should be generally expressed as e.g. $\frac{x}{a}$, $\frac{a+b}{c+d}$. Mathematical

formulas contained in the body of the text should be expressed in the following format: x/a , $(a+b)/(c+d)$. Variables should be in a slanted (*italics*) font.

(Examples) $\rho_0 \cdot U_s = \rho_1 \cdot (U_s - U_p)$ (1)

$$r = a p^n = 0.1 p^{0.5} \quad (2)$$

Mathematical formulas should be referred to as, e.g. “Equation (1)”, in the text.

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(Examples) Ammonium perchlorate (AP)

2,3-dinitro-p-xylene (1)

- 1.11** All publications cited in the text should be listed in the Reference section. In the text, references should be numbered in the one consecutive series regardless of their type as e.g. xxx¹⁾, yyy^{2),3)}, or zzz⁴⁾⁻⁶⁾. The References section should include all author names as the following example; the initial of the first name should be followed by the family name. Journal abbreviations should conform to those used in Chemical Abstracts. When authors cite the references in the text, authors should use an author name e.g. “Yamada et al.¹⁾”, not “Ref. 1”. Authors should not cite the website unless there is no other reference available. In such case, authors should specify the reference date. This journal should be cited as “Sci. Technol. Energ. Mater.”.

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- 1.12** Figures and Tables should be indicated as, e.g. [Figure 1] or [Table 1], in the text between line feeds. Figures and Tables should be referred as, e.g. “Figure 1” and “Table 1”, in the text.

- 1.13** In principle, the authors will be charged in case of a manuscript exceeding the maximum page limit. However, the maximum page limit does not apply if the Editorial Board approves.

2. Preparation of figures and tables

- 2.1** Each figure or table should be placed on a separate page and marked in the margin with the number, title, and caption. The captions should be with a capital letter at the beginning and a period (.) at the end. Figures and tables should be numbered consecutively in the order to which they are referred.

(Examples)

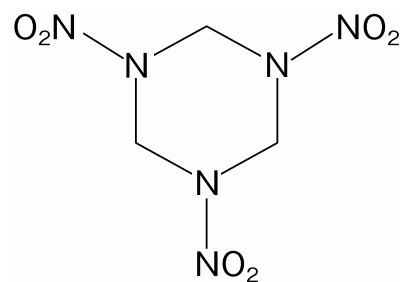


Figure 1 Chemical structure of RDX.

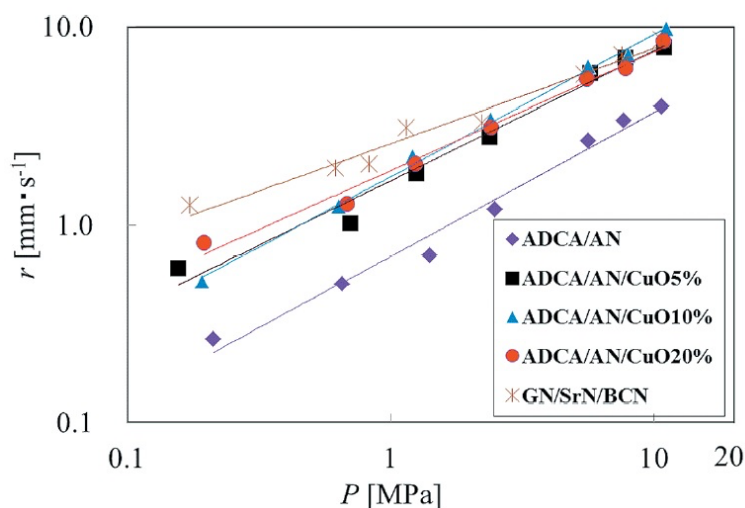


Figure 2 Linear burning rates for ADCA/AN mixtures.

- 2.2** All figures and photographs should be provided in good quality for printouts. The width must be up to 175 mm. The photographs should be prepared as jpeg data whose resolution is greater than 350 dpi. Our editorial committee prefers graphs prepared as vector data; serif font such as Century; and point size as 10 point.
- 2.3** The units in the figures, or the tables, or the photographs should be enclosed within square brackets [].
- 2.4** The tables should be prepared as shown in the following example, without vertical gridlines.

(Example)

Table 1 Impact sensitivity of explosives.

Explosives	H_{50} [mm]	Time constants [s]
NQ	3200	0.130
NTO	860	0.118
RDX	240	0.052
PETN	120	0.016

3. How to submit

We strongly recommend using the electronic submissions available on the website to reduce editorial workload.

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