

반응성 RF 마그네트론 스퍼터링으로 증착한 AlN 박막의 특성에
질소농도 변화가 미치는 영향

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**Effect of nitrogen concentration on the microstructures of AlN thin films
fabricated by reactive RF sputtering**

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Abstract : Aluminum nitride (AlN) thin films have been deposited on Si substrate by using reactive RF magnetron sputtering method in a gas mixture of Ar and N₂ at different N₂ concentration. It was found that N₂ concentration was varied in the range up to 20-100%, highly c-axis oriented film can be obtained at 50% N₂ with full width at half maximum (FWHM) 4.5°. Decrease in surface roughness from 7.5 nm to 4.6 nm found to be associated with decrease in grain size, with N₂ concentration; however, the AlN film fabricated at 20% N₂ exhibited a granular type of structure with non-uniform grains. The absorption peak was observed around 675 cm⁻¹ in fourier transform infrared spectroscopy (FTIR). It is concluded that the AlN film deposited at N₂ concentration of 50% exhibited the most desirable properties for the application of high-frequency surface acoustic devices.

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