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(54) **Phosphor composition for plasma display panel, and plasma display panel having phosphor layer composed of the phosphor composition**

(57) Provided are a phosphor composition for a plasma display panel (PDP) including: a phosphor component which is composed of a zinc silicate-based phosphor represented by the formula of $Zn_2SiO_4:Mn$ or of a mixture of the zinc silicate-based phosphor represented by the formula of $Zn_2SiO_4:Mn$ and at least one further phosphor; and a continuous crystalline metal oxide layer composed of at least one positively charged metal oxide formed on the phosphor component, particularly composed of yttrium oxide (Y_2O_3), and a PDP having a phosphor layer composed of the phosphor composition. The phosphor

composition for a PDP has a continuous crystalline layer composed of a positively charged metal oxide such as yttrium oxide, and thus has better surface properties. The metal oxide layer acts as a protecting layer to prevent deterioration of the phosphor due to ion bombardment. When the phosphor composition is used to manufacture a green phosphor layer for a PDP, a green discharge voltage can be controlled to levels of red and blue colours due to a better surface charge property and a poor specific gradation discharge problem can be resolved.

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