

# Am-O (Americium-Oxygen)

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As [Massalski2] showed no Am-O phase diagram, [1991Oka] reproduced the diagram reported earlier by [1970Sar]. Based on the phase boundary data of [1970Sar] and thermodynamic data in the literature, [2003Thi] proposed an Am-O phase diagram for the composition range from 60–66.7 at.% O, as shown in Fig. 1.

Am-O crystal structure data are shown in Table 1.

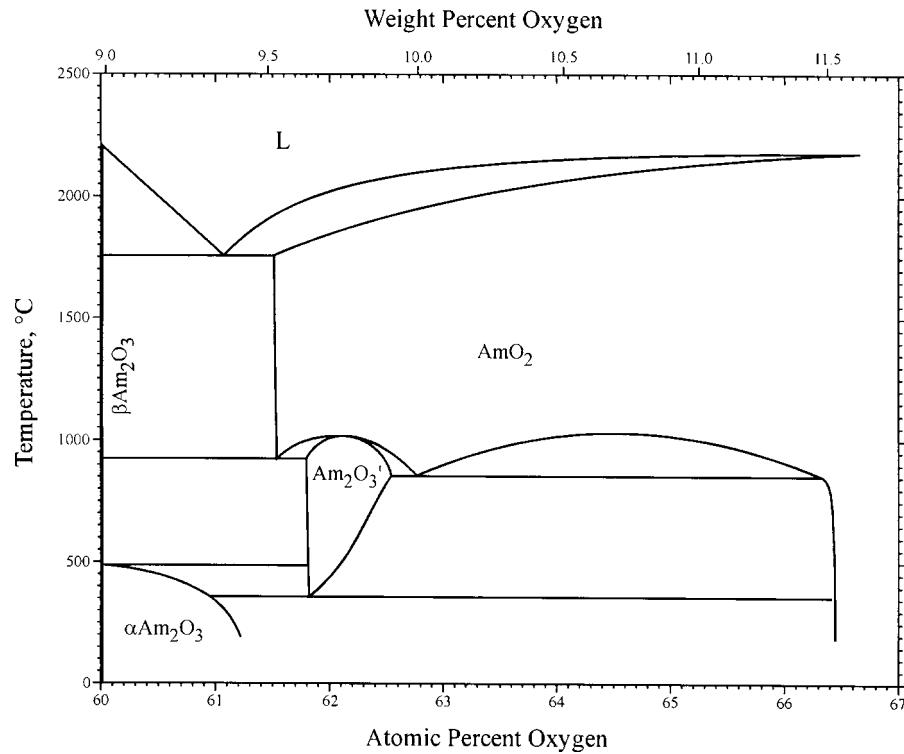
**Table 1** Am-O crystal structure data

Phase	Composition, at.% O	Pearson symbol	Space group	Strukturbericht designation	Prototype
( $\gamma$ Am)(a)	0	$cI2$	$I\bar{m}3m$	A2	W
( $\beta$ Am)(a)	0	$cF4$	$Fm\bar{3}m$	A1	Cu
( $\alpha$ Am)(a)	0	$hP4$	$P6_3/mmc$	A3	$\alpha$ La
AmO(a)	50	$cF8$	$Fm\bar{3}m$	B1	NaCl
$\beta$ Am <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	60	$hP5$	$P\bar{3}m1$	D <sub>5</sub> <sub>2</sub>	La <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>
$\alpha$ Am <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	60–61.3	$cI(a)$	...	...	...
$\alpha$ Am <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> '	61.8–62.6	$cI80$	$Ia\bar{3}$	D <sub>5</sub> <sub>3</sub>	Mn <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>
AmO <sub>2</sub>	61.5–66.7	$cF12$	$Fm\bar{3}m$	C1	CaF <sub>2</sub>

(a) Not shown in Fig. 1

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**Fig. 1** Am-O phase diagram