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Hugoniot measurement and high-pressure phase transition of beta-SiAlON TOSHIMORI SEKINE, TAKAMICHI KOBAYASHI, National Institute for Materials Science, ADVANCED MATERIALS LABORATORY TEAM — We have measured Hugoniot of beta-Si<sub>4</sub>Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>N<sub>6</sub> ceramics up to about 120 GPa. The HEL and the onset pressure of phase transformation is smaller than those of beta-Si<sub>3</sub>N<sub>4</sub>. According to shock recovery results of beta-SiAlON, the recovered highpressure phases are a cubic spinel and amorphous phase. The amount of amorphous phase increases with increasing pressure. Analysis of the high-pressure region of Huginot suggests a series of phase transitions with increasing pressure. A comparison of Hugoniot measurement and recovery results of beta-SiAlON indicates the post-spinel phase will not be quenchable. The partially released states have been determined by the buffer method and the results indicate a large hysteresis.

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