





• DIRECT CHEMICAL REACTION ON METALS BY ATMOSPHERIC GASES like O₂, H₂S, SO₂ etc.,









- At low temp (Alkali and Alkaline earth metals Rapidly oxidized.)
- At high temp (Almost all metals Except native metals)







NATURE OF OXIDE LAYERS/ FILMS



A.Stable Oxide Layer:

Fine grained structure, Get adsorbed tightly, impervious in nature

Ex. Oxides of heavy metals

2. Unstable Oxide Layer

Decomposes back into the M and O2

Ex. Oxides of noble metals

3. Volatile Oxide layer

volatilizes as soon as it is formed, leaving the metal surface Ex.MoO₃







- If volume of Oxide layer formed < the volume of metal (Porous and Non-protective).
- ✓ Eg. Oxides of alkali & alkaline earth Metals
- ✤ If volume of metal (Non-Porous and protective).
- ✓ Eg. Oxides of heavy Metals
- PILLING BED-WORTH RATIO
 PB= Volume of metal oxide/ Volume of metal consumed