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Aim of the work is to study the effect of room temperature annealing on the deep level emanated after bombarding 4H-SiC Schottky diodes with 5.4 MeV alpha-particles at fluence of $9.2 \times 10^{(11)}$ particles-cm⁽⁻²⁾. The investigation was carried out by means of current-voltage and capacitance-voltage characteristics in 300 K temperature, and deep level transient spectroscopy in temperature range of 25 - 350 K. The dependence of ideality factor, Schottky barrier height and free carrier concentration were investigated as a function of radiation fluence was determined. Ideality factor increases with radiation fluence. But, Schottky barrier height and free carrier concentration decrease with radiation fluence. The activation energy and apparent capture cross section of the new defect introduced were determined to be 0.37 eV and 5.5 × 10⁽⁻¹⁶⁾ cm⁽²⁾, respectively. This new defect annealed out at room temperature after one week.

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