

*P-T* border curves in the critical region of the mixture.

The accuracy of the tabulated data is estimated as follows: temperature,  $\pm 0.5^\circ\text{C}$ .; pressure,  $\pm 2.0$  p.s.i.; density,  $\pm 0.001$  gram per cc. for the liquid and  $\pm 0.0001$  gram per cc. for the vapor. However, in the critical region, the uncertainty in the values reported may be somewhat greater, because of the difficulty in assessing the accuracy of measurements in this region.

#### COMPARISON OF RESULTS WITH LITERATURE DATA

The propane-*n*-butane system was studied by Nysewander *et al.* (7) and the propane-*n*-pentane system by Sage and Lacey (9). An apparatus similar to that employed in this study was used. In Table IX (deposited with ASIS) a comparison is made between the values of the temperature and pressure at the critical point, maximum pressure point, and maximum temperature point reported for these systems and those found in this study. The agreement is moderately good for both systems, but noticeably better for the propane-*n*-pentane system. Table X (deposited with ASIS) compares bubble and dew point data for the propane-*n*-butane system. The dew point pressures of mixtures of low propane content agree moderately well with those found in this study; for mixtures of high propane content, the agreement is less satisfactory. The bubble point pressures show fairly large deviations. This is due to the greater sensitivity of the bubble point pressure, compared to the dew point pressure, to small traces of noncondensable gas in the sample.

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## Low Temperature Heat Capacities of 15 Inorganic Compounds

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**Smoothed low temperature heat capacities and derived thermodynamic functions for KOH, K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>, K<sub>2</sub>SiO<sub>3</sub>, K<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>8</sub>, KBH<sub>4</sub>, LiCl, LiBO<sub>2</sub>, Li<sub>2</sub>SiO<sub>3</sub>, MgS, Mg(CO<sub>2</sub>H)<sub>2</sub>, P<sub>4</sub>O<sub>10</sub>, BPO<sub>4</sub>, SnSO<sub>4</sub>, Na<sub>2</sub>SiF<sub>6</sub>, and AlCl<sub>3</sub> · 6H<sub>2</sub>O are presented at even temperatures. Comparisons with literature data indicate the entropies at 298.15° K. are accurate to at least 1%. Such values are useful in thermodynamic calculations, as evidenced by comparison with estimates based on ion contributions.**

**D**URING THE PAST DECADE and a half, the pioneer automatic adiabatic low-temperature calorimeter described by Stull (13) was used for the measurement of the heat capacity of a number of inorganic solids. The precision of measurement attained with this calorimeter was somewhat less than could be achieved with manually operated apparatus. Samples used were the best available within the time limitations of an industrial laboratory; in some cases this meant relatively low purity and in others incomplete characterization. Heat capacity measurements are not highly sensitive to impurities, however, and the smoothed heat capacity

data led to third-law entropies of good accuracy as shown by some comparisons with data from other laboratories. Therefore, although the measurements may not warrant a detailed account of individual data points, smoothed tables of thermodynamic functions at even temperatures should prove useful in thermodynamic calculations.

#### MATERIALS

Reagent grade potassium hydroxide was dried under vacuum at 425° C. Analysis by acid titration indicated 97.8% KOH and 2.2% K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>.

Reagent grade potassium carbonate was dried at 300° C. The manufacturer's analysis indicating 99.9% purity was accepted.

A sample of potassium metasilicate was prepared from

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stoichiometric amounts of the dried  $K_2CO_3$  and 99.9% silica by reaction under vacuum at  $1000^\circ C$ . in a platinum crucible. Gravimetric analysis gave 39.0%  $SiO_2$  (theory 38.94%) but acidimetry indicated 97.3% purity.

Reagent grade potassium persulfate was 99.9% pure by iodometric titration.

Potassium borohydride from Metal Hydrides, Inc., was 98.1% pure by argentimetric analysis (2). According to the manufacturer, the impurities included KOH,  $K_2B_2O_4$ , and methoxy-substituted borohydride groups.

Reagent grade lithium chloride was dried at  $200^\circ C$ . under vacuum for several hours. The sample analyzed 83.34% chloride (theory 83.63%). The manufacturer's analysis indicated less than 0.1% each of sodium and potassium.

Lithium metaborate was prepared by mixing lithium hydroxide and boric acid in stoichiometric proportions and heating to  $900^\circ C$ . for several hours. Hydrochloric acid titration, mannitol-base titration, and flame spectrophotometric sodium analysis were best fitted by assuming 99.6%  $LiBO_2$  with impurities  $Li_2CO_3$ ,  $Na_2CO_3$ , and residual  $H_2O$  in about equal amounts.

A sample of lithium metasilicate was prepared from reagent grade lithium carbonate and 99.9% silica by fusion under vacuum at  $1200^\circ C$ . Gravimetric analysis showed 66.7%  $SiO_2$  (theory 66.8%). A few tenths per cent potassium was present according to flame spectrophotometry. X-ray powder patterns showed only lines due to  $Li_2SiO_3$ .

Magnesium sulfide was prepared by passing hydrogen sulfide over pure magnesium turnings at  $900^\circ C$ . for 8 hours, followed by a dry nitrogen purge for 20 minutes to remove excess sulfur. The sample analyzed 99.7% pure by iodometric titration for sulfide ion and 99.9% by an acidimetric procedure.

Magnesium formate was 99.3% pure by assay for formate ion. No other characterization was known or attempted.

Phosphorus pentoxide analyzed 99.2% pure by acidimetric titration. The x-ray diffraction pattern showed only lines due to the hexagonal form.

A sample of boron phosphate was prepared by heating stoichiometric amounts of boric acid and phosphoric acid to dryness and igniting at  $1100^\circ C$ . for several hours. X-ray patterns showed only crystalline  $BPO_4$ . The apparent purity based on the determination of phosphorus by the phosphomolybdate volumetric method was 99.7% and by the pyrophosphate gravimetric method was 99.2%.

Commercial stannous sulfate was analyzed by standard methods as 54.6% Sn (theory 55.3%) and 44.6% sulfate (theory 44.7%). No further attempts at characterization were made.

Fisher certified reagent sodium fluosilicate was analyzed as 99.8% pure by titration of the fluosilicate ion with 0.1N sodium hydroxide. X-ray powder patterns agreed with those published by Cox (3).

Reagent grade aluminum chloride hexahydrate was analyzed as 11.17% aluminum (theory 11.17%) and 43.98% chlorine (theory 44.06%).

## APPARATUS AND PROCEDURE

The calorimeter has been described in detail (5, 11, 13). A brief resumé is given here. Samples were contained in a gold-plated copper container of about 65-cc. volume. Re-entrant wells were provided for a platinum resistance thermometer ( $R_0 = 93$  ohms) and constantan wire heaters. Silicone grease provided good thermal contact. The thermometer was calibrated by comparison

with platinum thermometers calibrated at the National Bureau of Standards. Vertical copper fins bonded to the heater wells provided rapid heat distribution to the sample. One atmosphere of helium gas in the container also served as a heat exchange medium.

The container was surrounded by an adiabatic copper shield. Automatic control of the shield was achieved by feeding the output of Chromel-P *vs.* constantan thermels between sample container and shield to one or more servoamplifiers which controlled the shield heating current. Electrical power input to the sample heater was obtained by alternately recording, on a Brown electronic voltage recorder, the potential drops across the sample heater and across calibrated standard resistances. The sample temperature was recorded continuously on a Leeds & Northrup "high precision" resistance recorder. A pendulum-operated clock, periodically checked against a Berkeley Time Interval meter, Model 500C, automatically timed the duration of electrical heat inputs. Refrigeration for the calorimeter was provided by mounting the assembly in the experimental cavity of a Collins helium cryostat.

In practice, samples were cooled to the lowest possible temperature,  $10^\circ$  to  $15^\circ K$ ., and the experimental cavity was evacuated. An equilibrium temperature was recorded, an energy input was made which resulted in a temperature rise, and a final equilibrium temperature was recorded. Another energy input was then carried out, so that the entire temperature range to  $300^\circ K$ . was continuously covered. The heat capacity of the empty container was obtained in separate series of experiments at various times. Determinations of the heat capacity of benzoic acid (Calorimetry Conference standard) served as a check on performance and agreed with standard values as follows:  $\pm 3.0\%$  below  $20^\circ K$ .,  $\pm 1.0\%$  from 20 to  $30^\circ K$ .,  $\pm 0.5\%$  from 30 to  $80^\circ K$ ., and  $\pm 0.3\%$  from 80 to  $310^\circ K$ .

All results are reported in terms of the defined calorie  $\equiv 4.1840$  absolute joules and the ice point is taken as  $273.15^\circ K$ .

## RESULTS

Smoothed heat capacities and the derived thermodynamic functions are presented in Table I. Experimental measurements extended from at least the lowest temperatures given to  $298^\circ K$ . or above. Extrapolation to  $0^\circ K$ . was usually by a simple  $T^3$  law fit of the measurements in the range  $15^\circ$  to  $30^\circ K$ . Maximum deviation of experimental points from the smooth curve was 0.5% from  $298^\circ K$ . down to  $100^\circ K$ ., then gradually increased to 1% at  $50^\circ K$ . and 10% at  $15^\circ K$ . The average deviation is about 40% of these maximum values.

Potassium hydroxide values were corrected for the presence of 2.2% carbonate. No corrections were applied to the remaining data because either they were not necessary or they were of doubtful significance, since impurities were not well characterized.

Several thermal anomalies were observed. Potassium hydroxide had a broad  $\lambda$ -type transition with a heat capacity peak at  $227.5^\circ K$ . Potassium borohydride had a much sharper  $\lambda$ -type transition with a heat capacity peak at  $77.0^\circ K$ . Stannous sulfate exhibited an abrupt jump in the heat capacity at  $165^\circ K$ . but no transitional enthalpy was observed. Sodium fluosilicate showed anomalous behavior as a bump in the heat capacity, reaching a maximum at  $275^\circ K$ . The remaining compounds showed the sigmoid curve typical of inorganic solids.

Table I. Smoothed Thermodynamic Functions in Gibbs per Mole

$T, ^\circ\text{K.}$	$C_p$	$S$	$\frac{H - H_0}{T}$	$T, ^\circ\text{K.}$	$C_p$	$S$	$\frac{H - H_0}{T}$	$T, ^\circ\text{K.}$	$C_p$	$S$	$\frac{H - H_0}{T}$
Potassium Hydroxide				Potassium Metasilicate				Lithium Chloride			
20	0.387	0.129	0.095	220	24.54	26.92	14.36	200	10.32	9.80	5.72
25	0.756	0.253	0.188	240	25.55	29.09	15.25	220	10.67	10.80	6.16
30	1.25	0.433	0.323	260	26.52	31.18	16.08	240	10.97	11.74	6.55
40	2.40	0.947	0.695	280	27.46	33.18	16.86	260	11.21	12.63	6.90
50	3.62	1.61	1.16	298.15	28.30	34.93	17.53	280	11.40	13.46	7.21
60	4.80	2.38	1.67	Potassium Persulfate				298.15	11.58	14.19	7.47
70	5.84	3.20	2.19	15	1.59	0.568	0.421	Lithium Borate			
80	6.73	4.04	2.71	20	3.18	1.23	0.905	15	0.051	0.013	0.013
100	8.15	5.70	3.66	25	5.12	2.14	1.55	20	0.138	0.039	0.032
120	9.25	7.29	4.50	30	7.28	3.27	2.32	25	0.261	0.082	0.065
140	10.15	8.78	5.25	40	11.59	5.97	4.11	30	0.418	0.143	0.110
160	10.95	10.19	5.91	50	15.55	8.99	6.01	40	0.833	0.317	0.237
180	11.78	11.53	6.52	60	18.94	12.13	7.89	50	1.35	0.557	0.406
200	12.89	12.82	7.09	70	21.80	15.27	9.68	60	1.94	0.855	0.612
210	13.80	13.47	7.39	80	24.22	18.34	11.35	70	2.55	1.20	0.845
220	15.45	14.14	7.71	100	28.20	24.20	14.34	80	3.19	1.58	1.10
224	16.79	14.43	7.86	120	31.45	29.63	16.93	100	4.50	2.43	1.65
227.40	18.85	14.70	8.01	140	34.24	34.70	19.21	120	5.79	3.37	2.23
229	16.15	14.82	8.07	160	36.80	39.44	21.25	140	7.02	4.35	2.83
230	15.63	14.89	8.10	180	39.27	43.91	23.11	160	8.19	5.37	3.43
234	15.25	15.15	8.23	200	41.56	48.17	24.85	180	9.28	6.40	4.02
240	15.15	15.54	8.40	220	43.66	52.23	26.46	200	10.31	7.43	4.60
260	15.21	16.75	8.92	240	45.73	56.12	27.98	220	11.27	8.46	5.16
280	15.34	17.88	9.38	260	47.66	59.86	29.42	240	12.17	9.48	5.71
298.15	15.51	18.85	9.74	280	49.45	63.46	30.79	260	13.00	10.48	6.24
Potassium Carbonate				298.15	50.93	66.61	31.97	280	13.77	11.48	6.75
16	0.465	0.161	0.120	Potassium Borohydride				298.15	14.43	12.36	7.19
20	0.885	0.306	0.228	15	0.175	0.077	0.040	Lithium Metasilicate			
25	1.69	0.584	0.435	20	0.554	0.177	0.120	30	0.220	0.073	0.057
30	2.83	0.987	0.733	25	1.04	0.351	0.252	40	0.740	0.203	0.158
40	5.61	2.18	1.60	30	1.60	0.589	0.430	50	1.46	0.442	0.344
50	8.30	3.72	2.68	40	2.88	1.22	0.878	60	2.34	0.785	0.602
60	10.74	5.45	3.82	50	4.28	2.01	1.42	80	4.35	1.73	1.28
70	12.89	7.28	4.97	60	5.82	2.93	2.02	100	6.60	2.94	2.12
80	14.67	9.12	6.07	70	7.27	3.94	2.67	120	8.91	4.35	3.06
100	17.30	12.69	8.07	80	8.58	5.68	3.99	140	11.18	5.89	4.06
120	19.18	16.02	9.77	100	10.42	7.80	5.10	160	13.30	7.53	5.08
140	20.65	19.09	11.22	120	12.08	9.85	6.12	180	15.30	9.21	6.11
160	21.85	21.93	12.48	140	13.56	11.82	7.08	200	17.09	10.92	7.12
180	22.85	24.56	13.58	160	14.96	13.72	7.98	220	18.73	12.62	8.10
200	23.70	27.01	14.55	180	16.29	15.56	8.83	240	20.19	14.32	9.05
220	24.49	29.31	15.41	200	17.60	17.35	9.64	260	21.49	15.98	9.96
240	25.26	31.47	16.20	220	18.94	19.09	10.43	280	22.68	17.62	10.82
260	25.97	33.52	16.93	240	20.26	20.79	11.19	298.15	23.68	19.08	11.58
280	26.72	35.47	17.60	260	21.52	22.46	11.94	Magnesium Sulfide			
298.15	27.35	37.17	18.17	280	22.66	24.10	12.66	15	0.029	0.010	0.007
Potassium Metasilicate				298.15	23.50	25.55	13.30	20	0.068	0.023	0.015
15	0.530	0.180	0.133	Lithium Chloride				25	0.133	0.045	0.032
20	1.09	0.404	0.300	15	0.044	0.017	0.012	30	0.229	0.076	0.057
25	1.88	0.729	0.532	20	0.131	0.038	0.029	40	0.656	0.195	0.148
30	2.82	1.15	0.833	25	0.334	0.087	0.068	50	1.31	0.409	0.312
40	4.94	2.25	1.60	30	0.58	0.168	0.131	60	2.14	0.721	0.548
50	7.08	3.59	2.48	40	1.31	0.426	0.327	70	2.99	1.12	0.837
60	9.11	5.06	3.42	50	2.24	0.815	0.613	80	3.87	1.57	1.16
70	10.83	6.59	4.35	60	3.23	1.31	0.966	100	5.42	2.61	1.86
80	12.43	8.15	5.27	70	4.18	1.88	1.36	120	6.67	3.71	2.56
100	15.12	11.22	6.98	80	5.08	2.50	1.77	140	7.67	4.82	3.22
120	17.34	14.18	8.53	100	6.62	3.80	2.59	160	8.46	5.89	3.83
140	19.24	17.00	9.92	120	7.77	5.12	3.36	180	9.10	6.93	4.38
160	20.88	19.68	11.19	140	8.68	6.39	4.06	200	9.59	7.91	4.88
180	22.25	22.22	12.35	160	9.38	7.59	4.68	220	9.98	8.85	5.32
200	23.47	24.63	13.40	180	9.90	8.73	5.24				

Table I. (Continued)

$T, ^\circ\text{K.}$	$C_p$	$S$	$\frac{H - H_0}{T}$	$T, ^\circ\text{K.}$	$C_p$	$S$	$\frac{H - H_0}{T}$	$T, ^\circ\text{K.}$	$C_p$	$S$	$\frac{H - H_0}{T}$
Magnesium Sulfide				Boron Phosphate				Sodium Fluosilicate			
240	10.29	9.73	5.73	15	0.079	0.026	0.020	50	8.77	4.84	3.28
260	10.52	10.56	6.09	20	0.158	0.059	0.043	60	11.15	6.65	4.39
280	10.72	11.35	6.41	25	0.282	0.107	0.078	70	13.47	8.54	5.53
298.15	10.89	12.03	6.68	30	0.465	0.173	0.127	80	15.70	10.49	6.66
Magnesium Formate				Stannous Sulfate				Aluminum Chloride Hexahydrate			
15	0.485	0.150	0.120	15	0.932	0.339	0.253	16	1.73	0.69	0.50
20	0.948	0.350	0.265	20	1.71	0.710	0.517	20	2.88	1.19	0.86
25	1.53	0.622	0.460	25	2.61	1.19	0.843	25	4.85	2.03	1.45
30	2.21	0.959	0.693	30	3.62	1.75	1.22	30	6.60	3.07	2.16
40	3.84	1.81	1.27	40	5.73	3.09	2.09	40	10.44	5.49	3.75
50	5.70	2.87	1.97	50	7.51	4.56	3.00	50	14.21	8.23	5.47
60	7.62	4.08	2.75	60	9.10	6.08	3.89	60	17.68	11.13	7.22
70	9.49	5.40	3.58	70	10.41	7.58	4.73	70	20.94	14.10	8.95
80	11.31	6.79	4.44	80	11.65	9.05	5.52	80	24.02	17.10	10.64
100	14.55	9.67	6.15	100	13.65	11.88	6.96	100	29.79	23.09	13.90
120	17.31	12.57	7.78	120	15.31	14.52	8.22	120	34.92	28.99	16.99
140	19.64	15.42	9.31	140	16.77	16.99	9.33	140	39.78	34.73	19.89
160	21.65	18.18	10.73	160	18.25	19.32	10.35	160	44.48	40.36	22.68
180	23.35	20.83	12.04	180	19.92	21.58	11.33	180	49.18	45.86	25.36
200	24.84	23.37	13.25	200	21.11	23.74	12.25	200	53.48	51.27	27.96
220	26.15	25.79	14.36	220	22.25	25.80	13.11	220	57.45	56.56	30.46
240	27.37	28.12	15.40	240	23.27	27.78	13.91	240	61.20	61.72	32.87
260	28.52	30.36	16.36	260	24.23	29.68	14.67	260	64.71	66.76	35.18
280	29.66	32.51	17.27	280	25.17	31.51	15.38	280	67.95	71.67	37.41
298.15	30.66	34.41	18.06	298.15	26.00	33.12	16.00	298.15	70.79	76.03	39.36
Phosphorus Pentoxide				Sodium Fluosilicate							
15	2.73	1.17	0.89	15	0.75	0.262	0.193	220	57.45	56.56	30.46
20	4.60	2.22	1.59	20	1.67	0.595	0.440	240	61.20	61.72	32.87
25	6.27	3.43	2.36	25	2.76	1.08	0.792	260	64.71	66.76	35.18
30	7.58	4.69	3.13	30	3.98	1.69	1.22	280	67.95	71.67	37.41
40	8.97	7.06	4.42	40	6.36	3.16	2.21	298.15	70.79	76.03	39.36
50	10.38	9.22	5.47								
60	11.56	11.21	6.38								
70	13.30	13.12	7.24								
80	15.14	15.02	8.12								
100	18.65	18.76	9.86								
120	22.63	22.52	11.66								
140	26.46	26.30	13.50								
160	30.18	30.08	15.36								
180	33.71	33.83	17.20								
200	37.13	37.57	19.03								

## DISCUSSION

Shirley (12) reported heat capacity data on LiCl which are in good agreement with the present work over most of the temperature range studied. The calculated entropy at 298.15° K. given by Shirley is 14.17 gibbs per mole compared to 14.19 given here. Furukawa *et al.* (4) published data for KBH<sub>4</sub> which again are in reasonable agreement with the present work; our entropy at 298.15° K. is 25.55 gibbs per mole compared to 25.40 derived by Furukawa *et al.* The temperature and enthalpy of transition reported by Furukawa *et al.*, 77.16° K. and 53.8 cal. per mole, are in good agreement with 77.0° K. and 52.8 cal. per mole found here.

Thermal data given here may differ from quoted preliminary values (1, 6, 7, 9) because of reassessment and

recalculations. In particular, values for phosphorus pentoxide communicated to Andon *et al.* (1) were considerably in error due to use of an outdated empty calorimeter calibration. [This is also the reason for discrepancies between the data for aluminum chloride quoted by Kelley and King (9) and recent work of Justice (8)]. Based on comparison with literature values as well as intralaboratory checks, it is estimated that the third-law entropies at 298.15° K. reported here are accurate to at least 1%. Entropies of this accuracy are useful in thermodynamic calculations, as evidenced by comparison with estimates based on the tables of ionic contributions listed by Latimer (10). As shown in Table II, the average deviation is 10% and in only one case is the estimate within 1% of the measured entropy.

Table II. Measured and Estimated Entropies at 298.15° K. in Gibbs per Mole

Compound	$S^{\circ}_{298}$ Measured	$S^{\circ}_{298}$ Estimated	% Diff.
KOH	18.85	14.2	-24.7
K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	37.17	33.6	-9.6
K <sub>2</sub> SiO <sub>3</sub>	34.93	35.2	0.8
LiCl	14.19	13.5	-4.9
Li <sub>2</sub> SiO <sub>3</sub>	19.08	23.8	24.7
MgS	12.03	12.6	4.7
SnSO <sub>4</sub>	33.12	30.3	-8.5
AlCl <sub>3</sub> ·6H <sub>2</sub> O	76.03	82.5	8.5

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## Volumetric Behavior of a Polar-Nonpolar Gas Mixture: Trifluoromethane-Tetrafluoromethane System

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Compressibility factors were determined for the polar-nonpolar gaseous system, CF<sub>3</sub>H-CF<sub>4</sub>, for six compositions at temperatures between -30° and 95° C., and at temperatures as low as -70° C. for CF<sub>4</sub>. The data extend to pressures as high as 1238 p.s.i.a. and are accurate to better than one part per thousand. Values are given for the constants in the Martin-Hou equation of state which correlate the volumetric data with average deviations of less than 0.5% for the pure components and 1.1% for the mixtures. Second and third virial coefficients were determined from the data; the virial coefficients for the pure gases and the interaction virial coefficients are presented. Intermolecular-potential-function parameters are given for CF<sub>4</sub>, which correlate the second virial coefficient for this gas within its experimental uncertainty between -70° and 500° C.

THE APPARENT NEED for volumetric data on gas mixtures containing polar components, as well as a need for such data to interpret some vapor-liquid equilibrium data (12), prompted the determination of the volumetric behavior of the CF<sub>3</sub>H-CF<sub>4</sub> system. Of the available methods of volumetric measurement, the Burnett method was selected as having the best combination of accuracy and efficiency.

The Burnett method is an isothermal experiment in which successive portions of a test gas, confined in a primary chamber, are allowed to expand into a secondary chamber, which is discharged and evacuated after each expansion. For each expansion, comparison of the ratio of the pressures before and after the expansion to the known volume ratio of the two chambers indi-

cates the nonideality of the test gas. The Burnett method has been described in detail (1, 13).

#### EXPERIMENTAL

The experimental pressures were measured by balancing a hydraulic pressure generated by a dead-weight gage against the test-gas pressure, using a sensitive differential-pressure transducer (DP-cell). The latter employed a thin metallic diaphragm, the position of which was sensed by a magnetic-reluctance circuit. The pressure-measurement system had a sensitivity of 0.001 p.s.i. and an over-all accuracy of 0.01 p.s.i. The test-gas pressure was continually monitored on a recorder, except during and immediately following expansions, as a check for leaks and as evidence of the restoration of thermal equilibrium after each expansion.

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