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### Book review

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*Organometallic Compounds. Methods of Synthesis, Physical Constants and Chemical Reactions.* 2nd Edition (Edited by M. Dub). *Vol. 1: Compounds of the Transition Metals, First Supplement*; by K. Bauer and G. Haller, Springer-Verlag, Berlin/Heidelberg/New York, 1975, xxvi + 1171 pages, DM 114.70; US \$ 49.50 (approx.).

This supplement deals with organic derivatives of transition metals described in the periodical and patent literature in the period 1965–1968. The collection of references was based on Vols. 62–69 of Chemical Abstracts, but in the main the data are taken from the original accounts. The arrangement and classifications are as in the main volume, and, as previously, methods of synthesis, physical constants, reactions, commercial applications and biological activity are briefly indicated.

There is a wealth of information concisely presented in this supplement and it represents very good value in terms of cost per page. It will be essential in laboratories concerned with organometallic transition metal complexes, and, as with the corresponding supplement dealing with germanium, tin and lead derivatives [see *J. Organometal. Chem.*, 67 (1974) C34] a copy will often be wanted in the laboratory in addition to that in the library.

This publication leaves the 1969–1975 literature still to be covered, of course, and it is to be hoped that future supplements will appear rapidly.

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