

Overall this book seems to me to achieve its aim of giving an overview of the field, at a level which will be suitable for the novice in the area, but will also provide the more experienced worker with useful information. Given the quality of the volume the price is reasonable, and I can strongly recommended that libraries should buy it.

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*Gmelin Handbook of Inorganic Chemistry, 8th edition, W. Supplement Volume A6b: Reactions with Metals, Springer-Verlag, Berlin, 1987, DM 1496.00. ISBN 3-540-93562-2.*

This volume of the eight edition of the Gmelin epic continues the discussion of the reactions of elemental tungsten begun in Volume A7. However, these are not reactions with organic species, but with most of the other metals, excluding only a few, such as the alkali metals and alkaline earths. The discussion is mainly in terms of physical chemistry, with inclusion of topics such as phase diagrams, surface reactions, diffusion and corrosion. This volume is in the same tradition of high standards of presentation and accessibility of information as its predecessors, although organometallic chemists may not find it of particular value.

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