

## Book review

*Gmelin Handbook of Inorganic and Organometallic Chemistry* (Eighth Edition)

*Molybdenum, Compounds with S, Se, Supplement Volume B8*, Springer-Verlag, Berlin, 1995, 30 + xv pages, DM 1950.

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This volume should be considered as part of a group together with volumes B7 and B9, that cover the literature of compounds containing molybdenum and the elements of Periodic Group 16. This volume covers the literature to at least mid-1992, but lags a little behind its companions. The principal interest of these volumes may well be to bioinorganic chemists. Certainly the current volume contains no organometallic chemistry. It starts with a continuation from volume B7 of the section on hydrogen-containing molybdenum-sulfur species and then discusses Mo-S-O, Mo-S-N, and Mo-S-halo-

gen materials. The second part of the book deals with the analogous selenium compounds.

Those who are familiar with the Gmelin format will need no reminder of the value and the ease of use of these compendia, as well as the minimal drawback of the encyclopaedic approach to literature presentation. In the present case, the break between volumes B7 and B8 seems a little arbitrary, and it would be interesting to know how it was decided upon. The cost, at about 6.3 DM per page, is slightly higher than the earlier volumes, but this is probably due to inflation. It still represents good value for money.

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