

Book review

Index of Vibrational Spectra of Inorganic and Organometallic Compounds, Vol. 1;
by N.N. Greenwood, E.J.F. Ross and B.P. Straughan, Butterworths, London, 1972,
754 pages, £15.00.

This volume is an index of inorganic and organometallic compounds whose vibrational spectra were investigated during the period 1935–1960, with references to all publications containing the spectra. A second volume will cover the period 1961–1966, and together they will serve as an index to the literature before the introduction of the Chemical Society's annual Special Publication entitled "Spectroscopic Properties of Inorganic and Organometallic Compounds". The authors have endeavoured to make their index complete, and offer to rectify any omissions which are brought to their attention, in later printings. The book is clearly and well set out, with 23 pages of introductory material, 529 pages of compound index, and 198 pages of references, including a list, with full titles, of the journals referred to. This is followed by 24 pages of references to text books and review literature. It provides the quickest way into the literature on the vibrational spectroscopy of inorganic and organometallic compounds, and those who find the Chemical Society's Special Publication useful will find this volume of enormous value.

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Erratum

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mol) were detected in the products of the hydrolysis, in the ratio V/C_6F_5 1/3.8, by gas-