

Book review

Gmelin handbook of inorganic chemistry, 8th Edition, *Fluorine-perfluorohalogenorganic compounds of the main group elements, Part 8, Aliphatic and aromatic nitrogen compounds* (Continued), by A. Haas (volume author) edited by D. Koschel, 1980, vi + 230 pages, DM619, \$365.30. Gmelin Institute for Inorganic Chemistry of the Max Planck Society for the Advancement of Science, Springer Verlag, Berlin/Heidelberg/New York.

This volume, Part 8, continues the treatment of aliphatic and aromatic perfluorohalogenorganic compounds of nitrogen. A final volume on this subject, Part 9, will also complete the series. Literature coverage in Part 8 is through 1975, with a supplementary volume for the entire series already in progress for later years.

The volume deals with three general categories of compound; *N*-oxides and nitro compounds, compounds having a nitrogen–nitrogen bond, and *N*-haloamines and -imines. Thorough coverage has been attained and not many errors have escaped the proofreaders. As is usual in this series, the well-organized format coupled with a clear, concise presentation makes the information easily accessible. Since properties and reactions of the more important members of each series are described along with preparations, the reader also gets information on compounds not strictly encompassed by the organization of the volume.

Price may preclude personal copies for the interested chemist, but a well-stocked chemical library should have this reference text on its shelves.

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