Enthalpy of Mixing of the PrCl₃-LiCl and NdCl₃-LiCl Molten Salt Systems

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The molar enthalpies of mixing $(\Delta_{\rm mix} H_{\rm m})$ of liquid PrCl₃-LiCl and NdCl₃-LiCl mixtures have been measured at 1044 K. For both systems these enthalpies are negative in the whole composition range, with a minimum at $x_{\rm PrCl_3}$ and $x_{\rm NdCl_3} \approx 0.4$. The results are compared with existing mixing enthalpy data on lanthanide chloride-alkali metal chloride systems and discussed in terms of complex formation in the melts.

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