

TABLE 4. THE EFFECT OF PRESSURE ON THE IDEAL RESISTIVITY OF POTASSIUM

$T$ (°K)	$-\partial \ln \rho_i / \partial p$ ( $10^{-5} \text{ atm}^{-1}$ )	$-A$ ( $10^{-5} \text{ atm}^{-1}$ )	$B$ ( $10^{-9} \text{ atm}^{-2}$ )	$-C$ ( $10^{-13} \text{ atm}^{-3}$ )	$\partial \ln \rho_i' / \partial \ln V$
Specimen K (2)					
15.4 <sub>0</sub>	24.1 ± 0.4	23.2 ± 0.3	37 ± 5	60 ± 100	8.5 <sub>5</sub> ± 0.15
20.3 <sub>5</sub>	22.8 ± 0.3	21.9 ± 0.2	29 ± 5	12 ± 100	8.1 <sub>5</sub> ± 0.1
29.8	20.6 ± 0.2	19.6 <sub>5</sub> ± 0.2	23 ± 2	11 ± 38	7.3 <sub>2</sub> ± 0.1
61.1	17.0 ± 0.2	16.0 ± 0.2	17 ± 1	12 ± 29	6.0 <sub>2</sub> ± 0.1
78.0	16.7 ± 0.2	15.7 ± 0.2	19 ± 2	15 ± 20	5.7 <sub>4</sub> ± 0.1
116.7	16.9 <sub>5</sub> ± 0.2	15.9 <sub>5</sub> ± 0.2	17 ± 1	5 ± 18	5.7 <sub>9</sub> ± 0.1
196.6	18.1 ± 0.1	17.0 ± 0.1	23 ± 2	17 ± 38	5.6 <sub>4</sub> ± 0.1
273.7	19.0 ± 0.1	17.9 ± 0.1	22 ± 1	11 ± 41	5.7 <sub>5</sub> ± 0.15
308.8	20.1 ± 0.2	18.9 ± 0.2	27 ± 1	18 ± 20	5.6 <sub>0</sub> ± 0.15
308.8*	—	—	—	—	5.7 <sub>2</sub> * ± 0.05
Specimen K (5)					
4.2 <sub>0</sub> †	30 ± 3	—	—	—	10.7 ± 1
20.4 <sub>0</sub>	22.8 <sub>5</sub> ± 0.2	21.9 ± 0.2	28 ± 5	-9 ± 100	8.1 <sub>6</sub> ± 0.1
36.5	19.7 ± 0.2	18.8 ± 0.2	25 ± 2	23 ± 40	7.0 <sub>3</sub> ± 0.1
79.2	16.8 ± 0.2	15.8 ± 0.2	19 ± 2	13 ± 50	5.8 <sub>0</sub> ± 0.1
273.1 <sub>5</sub>	19.2 ± 0.1	18.1 ± 0.1	26 ± 1	21 ± 41	5.5 <sub>9</sub> ± 0.15
Bridgman (1921, 1925)					
273.1 <sub>5</sub>	20.4 ± 0.5‡	—	—	—	—
298.0	19.6 ± 0.5	—	—	—	—
333.0	21.1 ± 0.5	—	—	—	—

\* This point corresponds to the density at 308.8 °K.  
 † A large correction was necessary for the effect of pressure on residual resistivity.  
 ‡ Estimated error.

TABLE 5. DETAILS OF THE SODIUM SPECIMENS

specimen	$R_{4.2 \text{ OK}} / R_{273 \text{ OK}}$	comments	source of material
Na (1)	6.9 × 10 <sup>-4</sup>	—	laboratory stock
Na (2)	7.1 × 10 <sup>-4</sup>	—	
Na (3)	4.0 × 10 <sup>-4</sup>	specimen in glass capillary*	N. V. Phillips, Eindhoven
Na (4)	2.0 × 10 <sup>-4</sup>		
Na (5)	2.9 × 10 <sup>-4</sup>	—	Messrs A. D. Mackay & Co., New York
Na (6)†	3.0 × 10 <sup>-4</sup>	—	
Na (7)	3.8 × 10 <sup>-4</sup>	—	
Na (9)	7.3 × 10 <sup>-4</sup>	—	laboratory stock

\* We are grateful to Dr S. B. Woods for the loan of this specimen.  
 † The absolute resistivity of a specimen from this stock was 4.7<sub>5</sub> × 10<sup>-6</sup> Ω cm at 22.0 °C (corrected for residual resistivity). The precision of this result is about 1%. Previous values at this temperature are 4.7<sub>0</sub> × 10<sup>-6</sup> Ω cm (Hackspill 1910) and 4.8<sub>4</sub> ± 0.1 × 10<sup>-6</sup> Ω cm (Bradshaw & Pearson 1956).

constructing difference tables, as a power series function coefficients A, B, C may be obtained. Coefficients are needed to express

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(3)	(4)
2.360 <sub>1</sub>	1.000
2.061	1.035
1.872	1.058
1.793	1.070
1.791	1.064
1.780	1.031
1.721	1.031
1.639	1.075
1.685	1.067
1.538	1.073
1.532	1.085
0.565	1.122
0.556	1.150
	1.113
0.471	1.144
0.414	1.138
0.379	1.141
0.288	1.168

at 273.15 °K.

nes (1924).

pendix A. The results of the illustrated in figures 1 and 2. certainties in the equation of are based on the supposition e pressure required to increase ro pressure, is 3%.

those for potassium. Below the martensitic transform- cimens studied are given in