

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

RESISTIVITY OF POTASSIUM

(3)	(4)
2.360	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
1.689	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.

unes (1924).

Appendix A. The results of the measurements are illustrated in figures 1 and 2. The uncertainties in the equation of state are based on the supposition that the pressure required to increase the resistivity by 1% is 3%.

those for potassium. Below 273 °K. the martensitic transformation specimens studied are given in

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

T (°K)	$-\partial \ln \rho_i / \partial p$ (10^{-5} atm $^{-1}$)	$-A$ (10^{-5} atm $^{-1}$)	B (10^{-9} atm $^{-2}$)	$-C$ (10^{-13} atm $^{-3}$)	$\partial \ln \rho'_i / \partial \ln V$
Specimen K (2)					
15.4	24.1 ± 0.4	23.2 ± 0.3	37 ± 5	60 ± 100	8.5 ± 0.15
20.3	22.8 ± 0.3	21.9 ± 0.2	29 ± 5	12 ± 100	8.1 ± 0.1
29.8	20.6 ± 0.2	19.6 ± 0.2	23 ± 2	11 ± 38	7.3 ± 0.1
61.1	17.0 ± 0.2	16.0 ± 0.2	17 ± 1	12 ± 29	6.0 ± 0.1
78.0	16.7 ± 0.2	15.7 ± 0.2	19 ± 2	15 ± 20	5.7 ± 0.1
116.7	16.9 ± 0.2	15.9 ± 0.2	17 ± 1	5 ± 18	5.7 ± 0.1
196.6	18.1 ± 0.1	17.0 ± 0.1	23 ± 2	17 ± 38	5.6 ± 0.1
273.7	19.0 ± 0.1	17.9 ± 0.1	22 ± 1	11 ± 41	5.7 ± 0.15
308.8	20.1 ± 0.2	18.9 ± 0.2	27 ± 1	18 ± 20	5.6 ± 0.15
308.8*	—	—	—	—	5.7 ± 0.05
Specimen K (5)					
4.2	30 ± 3	—	—	—	10.7 ± 1
20.4	22.8 ± 0.2	21.9 ± 0.2	28 ± 5	9 ± 100	8.1 ± 0.1
36.5	19.7 ± 0.2	18.8 ± 0.2	25 ± 2	23 ± 40	7.0 ± 0.1
79.2	16.8 ± 0.2	15.8 ± 0.2	19 ± 2	13 ± 50	5.8 ± 0.1
273.1	19.2 ± 0.1	18.1 ± 0.1	26 ± 1	21 ± 41	5.5 ± 0.15
Bridgman (1921, 1925)					
273.1	$20.4 \pm 0.5\ddagger$	—	—	—	—
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	$R_{4.2 \text{ °K}} / R_{273 \text{ °K}}$	comments	source of material
Na (1)	6.9×10^{-4}	—	
Na (2)	7.1×10^{-4}	—	}
Na (3)	4.0×10^{-4}	—	
Na (4)	2.0×10^{-4}	specimen in glass capillary*	
Na (5)	2.9×10^{-4}	—	
Na (6)†	3.0×10^{-4}	—	
Na (7)	3.8×10^{-4}	—	
Na (9)	7.3×10^{-4}	—	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 $4.7_5 \times 10^{-6} \Omega \text{ cm}$ at 22.0 °C (corrected for residual resistivity). The precision of this result is about 1%. Previous values at this temperature are $4.7_0 \times 10^{-6} \Omega \text{ cm}$ (Hackspill 1910) and $4.8_4 \pm 0.1 \times 10^{-6} \Omega \text{ cm}$ (Bradshaw & Pearson 1956).