## **BOOK REVIEWS**

## **Encyclopedia of semiconductors**

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Recently the concluding subvolume 17i of the "Landolt-Börnstein" reference series on semiconductors has been published. Thus a unique undertaking has been completed which made it possible to collect in a single series the tremendous reference material that has been accumulated by the beginning of the 1980s on the physical properties and the structural and technological characteristics of practically all the semiconductors known up to that time.

Of course, one cannot assert that all the data collected in this reference series have the same degree of reliability. Such a requirement would not be sensible with respect to a publication whose aim is to give the most up-to-date and as far as possible complete information on the state of the subject in such a rapidly developing field of science as the experimental investigation of the physical characteristics of semiconducting materials. This aim has been achieved with the publication of the "Encyclopedia of Semiconductors".

In the present rapidly changing situation in technology the specialists must have sufficiently simple access to information on the entire spectrum of the physical properties of various semiconductors, in order to be able to choose in an optimal manner the material for achieving their aims. Prior to the appearance of the publication being reviewed such a problem was very difficult to resolve. Now it is to a large extent solved, since the reference volumes contain not only detailed tables of physical characteristics of semiconducting materials, but also an extensive and a very representative bibliography of the original papers which enables one to carry out a search in depth for the required information.

In the concluding subvolume 17i "Special systems and a subject index" reference material has been included on the following topics: 1) amorphous semiconductors, 2) organic semiconductors, 3) layers of space charge on surfaces and interfaces, 4) hot electrons, 5) electron-hole liquid.

At the end of subvolume 17i is given a complete subject index covering all the previous parts of volume 17 "Semiconductors".

Here for the convenience of readers of Usp. Fiz. Nauk we consider it to be necessary to reproduce the brief contents of all the preceding subvolumes of volume 17:

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