

**substance: boron compounds with group V elements**  
**property: properties of boron-vanadium compounds**

Thermodynamic modelling of the V-B system (experimental and calculated phase diagrams, and phase equilibria data [81S]).

**V<sub>86</sub>B<sub>14</sub>, V<sub>84</sub>B<sub>16</sub>, V<sub>82</sub>B<sub>18</sub>** (near-eutectic compositions)

**activation energy of internal friction**

$E_A$	1.62 eV	oxygen atmosphere	87D
	0.2 eV	nitrogen atmosphere	

Internal friction spectrum of V<sub>84</sub>B<sub>16</sub> between 20 and 700 K in Fig. 1 [87D].

**V<sub>3</sub>B<sub>2</sub>**

Preparation [69S, 75S]

**VB**

Metallic; preparation [69S, 75S, 77L], crystalline structure [77L], electronic structure [79P]

Structure: orthorhombic

Space group: Cmcm

Single crystal preparation from aluminum-flux [94O].

**lattice parameters**

(in Å)

$a$	3.0595(8)	$T = 300$ K	94O
$b$	8.0503(12)		
$c$	2.9719(8)		
$V$	73.20(3) Å <sup>3</sup>		

**resistivity**

(in Ωcm)

$\rho$	0.36·10 <sup>-3</sup>	$T = 300$ K	94O
	3.5·10 <sup>-3</sup>	$T = 293$ K	77C

**density**

(in g cm<sup>-3</sup>)

$d$	5.54(5)	$T = 300$ K	measured	94O
	5.603(2)		X-ray density	

**microhardness**

$H_V$	22.8(5) GPa	$T = 300$ K	(010)	94O
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Low temperature electron heat capacity coefficient [86P] (see Fig. 2)

DTA and TG curves in the case of oxidation in [94O].

**V<sub>5</sub>B<sub>6</sub>**

Preparation [69S, 75S, 77L], crystalline structure [77L]

Structure: orthorhombic

Space group: Cmmm

Single crystal preparation from aluminium-flux [94O].

**lattice parameters**

(in Å)

$a$	3.063(1)	$T = 300$ K	94O
$b$	21.248(4)		
$c$	2.979(1)		
$V$	193.88(9) Å <sup>3</sup>		

<i>a</i>	21.242(2)	<i>T</i> = 300 K	X-ray diffraction	90B
<i>b</i>	2.9773(2)			
<i>c</i>	3.0613(2)			
<i>V</i>	193.61 Å <sup>3</sup>			

#### density

<i>d</i>	5.603(2) g cm <sup>-3</sup>	<i>T</i> = 300 K	X-ray density	94O
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### V<sub>3</sub>B<sub>4</sub>

Preparation [69S, 75S, 77L], crystalline structure [77L]

Structure: orthorhombic

Space group: Cmc<sub>2</sub>m

Single crystal preparation from aluminium-flux [94O].

#### lattice parameters

(in Å)

<i>a</i>	3.058(1)	<i>T</i> = 300 K		94O
<i>b</i>	13.224(2)			
<i>c</i>	2.980(1)			
<i>V</i>	120.51(2) Å <sup>3</sup>			

#### resistivity

$\rho$	14.6·10 <sup>-3</sup> Ω cm	<i>T</i> = 300 K		94O
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#### density

(in g cm<sup>-3</sup>)

<i>d</i>	5.35(4)	<i>T</i> = 300 K	measured	94O
	5.402(4)		X-ray density	

#### microhardness

<i>H<sub>V</sub></i>	21.9(5) GPa	<i>T</i> = 300 K	(010)	94O
	23.0 GPa			80S

DTA and TG curves in the case of oxidation in [94O].

Low temperature electron heat capacity [86P].

### V<sub>2</sub>B<sub>3</sub>

Preparation [69S, 75S, 77L], crystalline structure [77L]

Structure: orthorhombic

Space group: Cmc<sub>2</sub>m

Single crystal growth (aluminium solution method) [93O].

Single crystal preparation from aluminium-flux [94O].

#### lattice parameters

(in Å)

<i>a</i>	3.0595(3)	<i>T</i> = 300 K		94O
<i>b</i>	18.428(3)			
<i>c</i>	2.9836(8)			93O
<i>V</i>	168.23(5) Å <sup>3</sup>			
<i>a</i>	3.0599(4)		X-ray diffraction	95Y2
<i>b</i>	18.429(2)			
<i>c</i>	2.9839(4)			

#### resistivity

$\rho$	2.129·10 <sup>-1</sup> Ω cm	<i>T</i> = 300 K		94O
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#### density

(in g cm <sup>-3</sup> )				
<i>d</i>	5.27(5)	<i>T</i> = 300 K	measured	94O
	5.303(2)	<i>T</i> = 300 K	X-ray density	93O

#### microhardness

<i>H<sub>V</sub></i>	23.2(5) GPa	<i>T</i> = 300 K	(010)	94O
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DTA and TG curves in the case of oxidation in [94O].

#### (V<sub>1-x</sub>Nb<sub>x</sub>)<sub>2</sub>B<sub>3</sub>

Structure: orthorhombic,

Space group: Cmcm,4

Synthesis and structure investigation in [95Y1].

#### lattice parameters

(in Å)				
<i>a</i>	3.1086(5)	<i>T</i> = 300 K	X-ray diffraction	95Y1
<i>b</i>	18.5817(9)			
<i>c</i>	3.0114(4)			
<i>V</i>	174.0 Å <sup>3</sup>			

For dependence of lattice parameters on the chemical composition (V/Nb 3 – 1/3, Al/(V + Nb) = 0 and 28) see [95Y1].

#### VB<sub>2</sub>

Metallic; preparation [69S, 75S, 77G], crystalline structure [77C, 77G, 81N], electronic structure [79P, 76S, 81N], electrical conductivity [79L], electronic transport, thermal properties [77C]

Structure: hexagonal

Space group: P6/mmm

Single crystal preparation from aluminium-flux [94O].

#### lattice parameters

(in Å)				
<i>a</i>	2.9981(1)	<i>T</i> = 300 K		94O
<i>c</i>	3.0590(1)			
<i>V</i>	23.81(1) Å <sup>3</sup>			

Defect structure in of VB<sub>2</sub> (and NbB<sub>2</sub>) single crystals in [81N].

#### resistivity

(in Ω cm)				
<i>ρ</i>	2.270·10 <sup>-2</sup>	<i>T</i> = 300 K		94O
	3.8·10 <sup>-2</sup>	<i>T</i> = 293 K		77C
	7.08·10 <sup>-2</sup>	<i>T</i> = 1300 K		

#### density

(in g cm <sup>-3</sup> )				
<i>d</i>	5.03(4)	<i>T</i> = 300 K	measured	94O
	5.061(1)	<i>T</i> = 300 K	X-ray density	

#### microhardness

<i>H<sub>V</sub></i>	2770...3100	<i>T</i> = 300 K	dep. on crystal orientation and load,	97B
	kg mm <sup>-2</sup>		Czochralski-grown single crystals	
	28.00(13) GPa		(0001)	94O
	27.5(1) GPa			80S

DTA and TG curves in the case of oxidation in [94O].

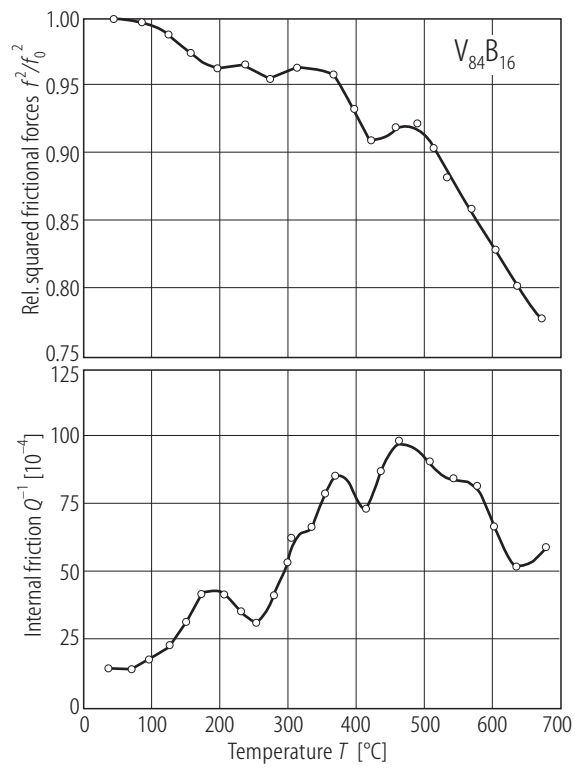
Low temperature electron heat capacity coefficient [86P] (see Fig. 2)

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**Fig. 1.**

$V_{84}B_{16}$ . Internal friction vs. temperature.  $Q^{-1}(T)$  and  $f^2/f_0^2$  [87D].



**Fig. 2.**

Lower vanadium borides. Low temperature electron heat capacity coefficient  $\gamma$  over the filling zone ( $\Delta/Q = 1.4141$ ;  $\alpha = 12Q/k_B^2\pi^2$ ) vs. degree of band filling  $m$  [86P].  $Q$ : Coulomb repulsion energy,  $\Delta$ : halfwidth of the initial band (Hubbard model).

