

Foreword

This is the fourth volume of the Specialist Periodical Report covering Transition Metal Chemistry, including the lanthanides and actinides. It is a review of the literature published between October 1973 and September 1974. The layout is similar to that of the earlier reports. Chapter 1 deals with the chemistry of the Early Transition Metals, excluding Scandium, Yttrium, and the Lanthanides. The chemistry of the First Transition Period from Manganese to Copper is given in Chapter 2. The chemistry of the Noble Metals is reported in Chapter 3 and Chapter 5 is concerned with Scandium, Yttrium, the Lanthanides and Actinides. This year we have included an additional Chapter devoted to the chemistry of Zinc, Cadmium, and Mercury, which carries a sub-section concerned with biological aspects of these metals. Again, we have attempted to be comprehensive and have chosen to place much of the data in tabulated form.

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