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## Introduction

The tables contained herein and those to follow are part of a new project in the Thermodynamics Section of the Heat and Power Division devoted to the correlation and compilation of thermodynamic and transport properties of molecular hydrogen and its isotopes in the liquid and gaseous state. This program is sponsored by The Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory, and is part of the program of the NBS-AEC Cryogenic Engineering Laboratory at Boulder, Colorado. The tables are being distributed as soon as they become available because of the urgent need for these data. It is planned to reissue them, with such modifications as are required, in the form of a more formal publication as various phases of the compilation are completed.

PVT Relationships for Liquid Hydrogen\*

| T    | 25.5   | 26.0   | 26.5   | 27.0   | 27.5   | 28.0   | 28.5   | 29.0  |
|------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------|
| °K   | atm    | atm   |
| 15   | 34.86  | 14.87  |        |        |        |        |        |       |
| 15.5 | 39.81  | 19.68  |        |        |        |        |        |       |
| 16   | 44.76  | 24.49  | 7.88   |        |        |        |        |       |
| 16.5 | 49.71  | 29.30  | 12.55  |        |        |        |        |       |
| 17   | 54.66  | 34.11  | 17.22  |        |        |        |        |       |
| 17.5 | 59.61  | 38.92  | 21.89  | 7.19   |        |        |        |       |
| 18   | 64.56  | 43.73  | 26.56  | 11.72  |        |        |        |       |
| 18.5 | 69.51  | 48.54  | 31.23  | 16.25  |        |        |        |       |
| 19   | 74.46  | 53.35  | 35.90  | 20.78  | 9.16   |        |        |       |
| 19.5 | 79.41  | 58.16  | 40.57  | 25.31  | 13.55  |        |        |       |
| 20   | 84.36  | 62.97  | 45.24  | 29.84  | 17.94  | 7.28   |        |       |
| 20.5 | 89.31  | 67.78  | 49.91  | 34.37  | 22.33  | 11.54  |        |       |
| 21   | 94.26  | 72.59  | 54.58  | 38.90  | 26.72  | 15.80  |        |       |
| 21.5 | 99.21  |        | 59.25  | 43.43  | 31.31  | 20.06  | 10.08  |       |
| 22   | 104.16 | 82.21  | 63.92  | 47.96  | 35.50  | 24.32  | 14.21  |       |
| 22.5 | 109.11 | 87.02  | 68.59  | 52.49  | 39.89  | 28.5%  | 18.34  | 9.94  |
| 23   | 114.06 | 91.83  | 73.26  | 57.02  | 44.28  | 32.84  | 22.47  | 13.94 |
| 23.5 | 119.01 | 96.64  | 77.93  | 61.55  | 48.67  | 37.10  | 26.60  | 17.94 |
| 24   | 123.96 | 101.45 | 82.60  | 66.08  | 53.06  | 41.36  | 30.73  | 21.94 |
| 24.5 | 128.91 | 106.26 | 87.27  | 70.61  | 57.45  | 45.62  | 34.86  | 25.94 |
| 25   | 133.86 | 111.07 | 91.94  | 75.14  | 61.84  | 49.88  | 38.99  | 29.94 |
| 25.5 | 138.81 | 115.88 | 96.61  | 79.67  | 66.23  | 54.14  | 43.12  | 33.94 |
| 26   | 143.76 | 120.69 | 101.28 | 84.20  | 70.62  | 58.40  | 47.25  | 37.94 |
| 26.5 | 148.71 | 125.50 | 105.95 | 88.73  | 75.01  | 62.66  | 51.38  | 41.94 |
| 27   |        | 130.31 | 110.62 | 93.26  | 79.40  | 66.92  | 55.51  | 45.94 |
| 27.5 |        | 135.12 | 115.29 | 97.79  | 83.79  | 71.18  | 59.64  | 49.94 |
| 28   |        | 139.93 | 119.96 | 102.32 | 88.18  | 75.44  | 63.77  | 53.94 |
| 28.5 |        | 144.74 | 124.63 | 106.85 | 92.57  | 79.70  | 67.90  | 57.94 |
| 29   |        | 149.55 | 129.30 | 111.38 | 96.96  | 83.96  | 72.03  | 61.94 |
| 29.5 |        |        | 133.97 | 115.91 | 101.35 | 88.22  | 76.16  | 65.94 |
| 30   |        |        | 138.64 | 120.44 | 105.74 | 92.48  | 80.29  | 69.94 |
| 30.5 |        |        | 143.31 | 124.97 | 110.13 | 96.74  | 84.42  | 73.94 |
| 31   |        |        | 147.98 | 129.50 | 114.52 | 101.00 | 88.55  | 77.94 |
| 31.5 |        |        |        | 134.03 | 118.91 | 105.26 | 92.68  | 81.94 |
| 32   |        |        |        | 138.56 | 123.30 | 109.52 | 96.81  | 85.94 |
| 32.5 |        |        |        | 143.09 | 127.69 | 113.78 | 100.94 | 89.94 |
| 33   |        |        |        | 147.62 | 132.08 | 118.04 | 105.07 | 93.94 |

\* These tables are preliminary to the preparation of tables of molar volumes and compressibility factors as a function of temperature and pressure;

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PVT Relationships for Liquid Hydrogen\* - Cont.

| T<br>°K | V**   |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|---------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
|         | 29.5  | 30.0  | 30.5  | 31.0  | 31.5  | 32.0  | 32.5  | 33.0  |
|         | atm   |
| 23      | 6.13  |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| 23.5    | 10.00 |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| 24      | 13.87 | 6.88  |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| 24.5    | 17.74 | 10.63 |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| 25      | 21.61 | 14.38 | 8.79  |       |       |       |       |       |
| 25.5    | 25.48 | 18.13 | 12.42 | 7.51  |       |       |       |       |
| 26      | 29.35 | 21.88 | 16.05 | 11.03 |       |       |       |       |
| 26.5    | 33.22 | 25.63 | 19.68 | 14.55 | 9.99  |       |       |       |
| 27      | 37.09 | 29.38 | 23.31 | 18.07 | 13.40 | 9.50  |       |       |
| 27.5    | 40.96 | 33.13 | 26.94 | 21.59 | 16.81 | 12.80 | 9.45  |       |
| 28      | 44.83 | 36.88 | 30.57 | 25.11 | 20.22 | 16.10 | 12.65 | 9.69  |
| 28.5    | 48.70 | 40.63 | 34.20 | 28.63 | 23.63 | 19.40 | 15.85 | 12.79 |
| 29      | 52.57 | 44.38 | 37.83 | 32.15 | 27.04 | 22.70 | 19.05 | 15.89 |
| 29.5    | 56.44 | 48.13 | 41.46 | 35.67 | 30.45 | 26.00 | 22.25 | 18.99 |
| 30      | 60.31 | 51.88 | 45.09 | 39.19 | 33.86 | 29.30 | 25.45 | 22.09 |
| 30.5    | 64.18 | 55.63 | 48.72 | 42.71 | 37.27 | 32.60 | 28.65 | 25.19 |
| 31      | 68.05 | 59.38 | 52.35 | 46.23 | 40.68 | 35.90 | 31.85 | 28.29 |
| 31.5    | 71.92 | 63.13 | 55.98 | 49.75 | 44.09 | 39.20 | 35.05 | 31.39 |
| 32      | 75.79 | 66.88 | 59.61 | 53.27 | 47.50 | 42.50 | 38.25 | 34.49 |
| 32.5    | 79.66 | 70.63 | 63.24 | 56.79 | 50.91 | 45.80 | 41.45 | 37.59 |
| 33      | 83.53 | 74.38 | 66.87 | 60.31 | 54.32 | 49.10 | 44.65 | 40.69 |

| °K   | 33.5  | 34    | 35    | 36    |
|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 28   | 7.08  |       |       |       |
| 28.5 | 10.08 | 7.81  |       |       |
| 29   | 13.08 | 10.72 |       |       |
| 29.5 | 16.08 | 13.63 | 9.82  |       |
| 30   | 19.08 | 16.54 | 12.55 | 9.48  |
| 30.5 | 22.08 | 19.45 | 15.28 | 12.04 |
| 31   | 25.08 | 22.36 | 18.01 | 14.60 |
| 31.5 | 28.08 | 25.27 | 20.74 | 17.16 |
| 32   | 31.08 | 28.18 | 23.47 | 19.72 |
| 32.5 | 34.08 | 31.09 | 26.20 | 22.28 |
| 33   | 37.08 | 34.00 | 28.93 | 24.84 |

Compressibility Factor for Liquid Hydrogen\*

| T<br>OK | 25.5   | 26.0   | 28.5   | 22.0   | 27.5   | 28.0   | 28.5   | 29.0   |
|---------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| 15      | .7222  | .3141  |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| 15.5    | .7982  | .4023  |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| 16      | .8693  | .4850  | .1591  |        |        |        |        |        |
| 16.5    | .9362  | .5627  | .2456  |        |        |        |        |        |
| 17      | .9992  | .6358  | .3271  |        |        |        |        |        |
| 17.5    | 1.0585 | .7047  | .4040  | .1352  |        |        |        |        |
| 18      | 1.1146 | 7      | .4765  | .2142  |        |        |        |        |
| 18.5    | 1.1676 | .8314  | .5452  | .2890  |        |        |        |        |
| 19      | 1.2179 | .8897  | .6102  | .3599  | .1616  |        |        |        |
| 19.5    | 1.2655 | .9450  | .6719  | .4271  | .2329  |        |        |        |
| 20      | 1.3108 | .9976  | .7305  | .4909  | .3006  | .1242  |        |        |
| 20.5    | 1.3539 | 1.0476 | .7862  | .5517  | .3650  | .1921  |        |        |
| 21      | 1.3949 | 1.0953 |        | .6095  | 4      | .2567  |        |        |
| 21.5    | 1.4340 | 1.4    | .8900  | .6647  | .4849  | .3184  | .1628  |        |
| 22      | 1.4713 | 1.1840 | .9383  | .7173  | .5408  | .3772  | .2243  |        |
| 22.5    | 1.5070 | 1.2254 | .9845  | .7676  | .5945  | .4334  | .2831  | .1561  |
| 23      | 1.5411 | 1.2651 | 1.0287 | .8157  | .6452  | .4872  | .3393  | .2142  |
| 23.5    | 1.5738 | 1.3030 | 1.0709 | .8618  | .6941  | .5387  | .3931  | .2698  |
| 24      | 1.6051 | 1.3    | 1.1115 | .9060  | 9      | .5880  | .4447  | .3231  |
| 24.5    | 1.6351 | 1.3742 | 1.1503 | .9483  | .7859  | .6354  | .4942  | .3742  |
| 25      | 1.6639 | 1.4077 | 1.1877 | 0      | .8290  | .6808  | .5417  | .4232  |
| 25.5    | 1.6916 | 1.4399 | 1.2235 | 1.0280 | .8704  | .7245  | .5873  | .4704  |
| 26      | 1.7183 | 1.4708 | 1.2580 | 1.0656 | .9103  | .7664  | .6312  | .5157  |
| 26.5    | 1.7439 | 1.5006 | 1.2912 | 1.1017 | .9486  | .8068  | .6734  | .5593  |
| 27      |        | 1.5292 | 1.3231 | 1.1365 | .9855  | .8457  | .7141  | .6013  |
| 27.5    |        | 1.5568 | 1.3539 | 1.1701 | 1.0211 | .8832  | .7532  | .6418  |
| 28      |        | 1.5835 | 1.3836 | 1.2024 | 1.0554 | .9194  | .7910  | .6808  |
| 28.5    |        | 1.6092 | 1.4122 | 1.2336 | 1.0885 | .9542  | .8275  | .7185  |
| 29      |        | 1.6340 | 1.4399 | 1.2631 | 1.1205 | .9879  | .8627  | .7548  |
| 29.5    |        |        | 1.4666 | 1.2928 | 1.1514 | 1.0204 | .8967  | .7900  |
| 30      |        |        | 1.4924 | 1.3210 | 1.1812 | 1.0519 | .9295  | .8239  |
| 30.5    |        |        | 1.5174 | 1.3482 | 1.2101 | 1.0823 | .9613  | .8568  |
| 31      |        |        | 1.5416 | 1.3745 | 1.2380 | 1.1117 | .9921  | .8885  |
| 31.5    |        |        |        | 1.4000 | 1.2651 | 1.1402 | 1.0219 | .9193  |
| 32      |        |        |        | 1.4247 | 1.2913 | 1.1678 | 1.0508 | .9491  |
| 32.5    |        |        |        | 1.4487 | 1.3167 | 1.1946 | 1.0787 | .9780  |
| 33      |        |        |        | 1.4719 | 1.3413 | 1.2206 | 1.1058 | 1.0060 |

\*These tables are preliminary to the preparation of volumes and compressibility factors as a function of temperature and pressure.

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Compressibility Factor for Liquid Hydrogen\* - Cont.

| T    | 29.5  | 30.0  | 30.5  | 31.0  | 31.5  | 32.0  | 32.5  | 33.0  |
|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| °K   |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| 23   | .0958 |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| 23.5 | .1530 |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| 24   | .2078 | .1048 |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| 24.5 | .2603 | .1586 |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| 25   | .3108 | .2103 | .1307 |       |       |       |       |       |
| 25.5 | .3592 | .2599 | .1810 | .1113 |       |       |       |       |
| 26   | .4058 | .3077 | .2294 | .1603 |       |       |       |       |
| 26.5 | .4507 | .3536 | .2760 | .2074 | .1447 |       |       |       |
| 27   | .4939 | .3978 | .3209 | .2528 | .1905 | .1327 |       |       |
| 27.5 | .5355 | .4404 | .3641 | .2966 | .2347 | .1815 | .1361 |       |
| 28   | .5756 | .4815 | .4058 | .3388 | .2772 | .2242 | .1789 | .1392 |
| 28.5 | .6143 | .5212 | .4460 | .3795 | .3182 | .2655 | .2203 | .1805 |
| 29   | .6517 | .5595 | .4849 | .4188 | .3579 | .3053 | .2602 | .2204 |
| 29.5 | .6878 | .5965 | .5224 | .4568 | .3962 | .3437 | .2987 | .2589 |
| 30   | .7227 | .6322 | .5587 | .4935 | .4333 | .3809 | .3360 | .2961 |
| 30.5 | .7565 | .6668 | .5937 | .5290 | .4691 | .4168 | .3720 | .3321 |
| 31   | .7892 | .7003 | .6277 | .5634 | .5037 | .4516 | .4069 | .3670 |
| 31.5 | .8208 | .7327 | .6606 | .5967 | .5373 | .4853 | .4407 | .4008 |
| 32   | .8515 | .7641 | .6924 | .6289 | .5698 | .5179 | .4734 | .4335 |
| 32.5 | .8812 | .7945 | .7233 | .6601 | .6013 | .5496 | .5051 | .4651 |
| 33   | .9100 | .8240 | .7532 | .6904 | .6319 | .5802 | .5359 | .4959 |
| °K   | 33.5  | 34    | 35    | 36    |       |       |       |       |
| 28   | .1032 |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| 28.5 | .1444 | .1135 |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| 29   | .1841 | .1532 |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| 29.5 | .2225 | .1914 | .1420 |       |       |       |       |       |
| 30   | .2596 | .2284 | .1784 | .1386 |       |       |       |       |
| 30.5 | .2955 | .2642 | .2137 | .1732 |       |       |       |       |
| 31   | .3303 | .2989 | .2478 | .2066 |       |       |       |       |
| 31.5 | .3639 | .3324 | .2808 | .2390 |       |       |       |       |
| 32   | .3965 | .3649 | .3128 | .2704 |       |       |       |       |
| 32.5 | .4281 | .3964 | .3439 | .3008 |       |       |       |       |
| 33   | .4587 | .4269 | .3739 | .3302 |       |       |       |       |

## The P-V-T Relationship of Liquid H<sub>2</sub>

The compressibility of liquid hydrogen as a function of pressure has been determined by E. Bartholome (Z. Physik Chem., B 33, 387 (1936) ) at the boiling point of H<sub>2</sub> and at 18.24" and 16.43°K. A comprehensive study of the P-V-T relationships of liquid H<sub>2</sub> has been completed by H. L. Johnston, Wm. E. Keller and A. S. Friedman (J. A. C. S. in press (1954) ). These data cover the temperature region from the boiling point to the critical temperature and the pressure range from the saturation vapor pressure to above 100 atmospheres.

A plot of the reported data on P vs V coordinates gave smooth isotherms from which values were obtained for replotting on P vs T coordinates for the selected isochores. Since these were straight lines within the experimental error, smooth values could easily be read off at the temperatures and molar volumes tabulated here. The compressibility factor table was computed from the table of pressures by using the relation  $Z = PV/RT$ . A retabulation of the data to yield density and compressibility factors in terms of temperature is in process. In the interim it is felt that these tables will be found useful.



Vapor Pressures of Liquid DT and T<sub>2</sub>

| T°K | DT<br>P (atmos.) | T <sub>2</sub> |
|-----|------------------|----------------|
| 20  | 0.214            | --             |
| 21  | 0.324            | --             |
| 22  | 0.473            | 0.380          |
| 23  | 0.667            | 0.546          |
| 24  | 0.914            | 0.761          |
| 25  | 1.22             | 1.03           |
| 26  | 1.58             | 1.35           |
| 27  | 2.02             | 1.75           |
| 28  | 22-52            | 2.22           |
| 29  | 3.10             | 2.78           |
| 30  | 3.83             | 3.45           |
| 31  | 4.65             | 4.19           |
| 32  | 5.60             | 5.00           |
| 33  | 6.67             | 5.97           |
| 34  | 7.86             | 7.02           |
| 35  | 9.15             | 8.24           |
| 36  | 10.61            | 9.53           |
| 37  | 12.28            | 11.09          |
| 38  | 14.07            | 12.76          |
| 39  | 16.09            | 14.62          |
| 40  | --               | 16.61          |

The only vapor pressure measurements of tritium reported in the literature are those of E. R. Grilly (J. Am. Chem. Soc. 73, 845(1951)), who determined the vapor pressures up to three **atmospheres**. There have been no experimental measurements of the vapor pressures of DT.

R. Lunbeck (Dissertation, Univ. of Amsterdam, 1951) and E. F. Hammel (J. Chem. Phys. 18, 228 (1950)) have each calculated vapor pressure constants for the **hydrogen** isotopes on the basis of **DeBoer's** modified law of corresponding states. Their results, however, are in disagreement with the available experimental data for some of the isotopes.

A. S. Friedman, D. White, and H. L. Johnston (J. Chem. Phys. 19, 126, (1951)) have computed on the basis of an inverse square root of the **mass** ( $M^{-1/2}$ ) relationship, the vapor pressures, critical constants, boiling points, and triple point constants of the six isotopic hydrogen molecules. On the basis of this treatment, the vapor pressures and the related constants of HT should, in the first approximation, be the same as those of D<sub>2</sub>. The very meager experimental data on HT (W. F. Libby and C. A. Barter, J. Chem. Phys. 10, 184 (1942)) **verify** this. It is therefore recommended that the vapor **pressure** values for **D<sub>2</sub>** be used for those of HT.

The appended tables of DT and **T<sub>2</sub>** were computed from the equation;

$$\log_{10}P = a + \frac{b}{T} + \delta.$$

The constants a and b are derived from the aforementioned mass relationship. **δ** is the **predicted** departure of the vapor pressure for these isotopes from the linear representation in terms of  $\log_{10}P$  and  $1/T$ . These **δ's** were obtained from a plot of corresponding departures observed for H<sub>2</sub> and D<sub>2</sub>.

### Thermal Conductivity of Liquid Hydrogen

$$k = (1.702 + .05573T)10^{-4} \text{ cal cm}^{-1} \text{ sec}^{-1} \text{ deg}^{-1}$$

| °K | $k \times 10^4$                                         | $k \times 10^4$                                            | $k \times 10^2$                                        |
|----|---------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
|    | cal cm <sup>-1</sup> sec <sup>-1</sup> °K <sup>-1</sup> | Joules cm <sup>-1</sup> sec <sup>-1</sup> °K <sup>-1</sup> | Btu ft <sup>-1</sup> hr <sup>-1</sup> °F <sup>-1</sup> |
| 16 | 2.594                                                   | 10.85                                                      | 6.271                                                  |
| 17 | 2.649                                                   | 11.08                                                      | 6.404                                                  |
| 18 | 2.705                                                   | 11.32                                                      | 6.539                                                  |
| 19 | 2.761                                                   | 11.55                                                      | 6.675                                                  |
| 20 | 2.817                                                   | 11.79                                                      | 6.810                                                  |
| 21 | 2.872                                                   | 12.02                                                      | 6.943                                                  |
| 22 | 2.928                                                   | 12.25                                                      | 7.078                                                  |
| 23 | 2.984                                                   | 12.49                                                      | 7.214                                                  |
| 24 | 3.040                                                   | 12.72                                                      | 7.349                                                  |
| 25 | 3.095                                                   | 12.95                                                      | 7.482                                                  |
| 26 | 3.151                                                   | 13.18                                                      | 7.618                                                  |
| 27 | 3.207                                                   | 13.42                                                      | 7.753                                                  |
| 28 | 3.262                                                   | 13.65                                                      | 7.886                                                  |
| 29 | 3.318                                                   | 13.88                                                      | 8.021                                                  |
| 30 | 3.374                                                   | 14.12                                                      | 8.156                                                  |

## The Thermal Conductivity of Liquid Hydrogen

The only experimental data on the thermal conductivity of liquid hydrogen are those of **Mattox**, Powers, and Johnston (Ohio State University Technical Report TR 264-10), who have made measurements over the range 15° to 27°K on both liquid normal and liquid para hydrogen. No significant difference was observed between the two liquids and it is concluded that the thermal conductivity is independent of the ortho-para composition within the experimental errors.

The authors fitted a **least** squares line to their data and give the equation:

$$k = (1.702 + 0.05573T)10^{-4} \text{ cal cm}^{-1} \text{ sec}^{-1} \text{ }^{\circ}\text{K}^{-1}$$

The tables were computed from this equation. The maximum error is 3.5% and the probable error is 2%.

### Thermal Conductivity of Liquid Deuterium

$$k = (2.020 + 0.04965T)10^{-4} \text{ cal cm}^{-1} \text{ sec}^{-1} \text{ deg}^{-1}$$

| °K | $k \times 10^4$                                         | $k - 10^4$                                                 | $k \times 10^2$                                        |
|----|---------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
|    | cal cm <sup>-1</sup> sec <sup>-1</sup> °K <sup>-1</sup> | Joules cm <sup>-1</sup> sec <sup>-1</sup> °K <sup>-1</sup> | Btu ft <sup>-1</sup> hr <sup>-1</sup> °F <sup>-1</sup> |
| 20 | 3.013                                                   | 12.61                                                      | 7.284                                                  |
| 21 | 3.063                                                   | 12.82                                                      | 7.405                                                  |
| 22 | 3.112                                                   | 13.03                                                      | 7.523                                                  |
| 23 | 3.162                                                   | 13.23                                                      | 7.644                                                  |
| 24 | 3.212                                                   | 13.44                                                      | 7.765                                                  |
| 25 | 3.262                                                   | 13.65                                                      | 7.886                                                  |
| 26 | 3.311                                                   | 13.85                                                      | 8.004                                                  |
| 27 | 3.361                                                   | 14.06                                                      | 8.125                                                  |
| 28 | 3.411                                                   | 14.27                                                      | 8.246                                                  |
| 29 | 3.460                                                   | 14.48                                                      | 8.365                                                  |
| 30 | 3.510                                                   | 14.69                                                      | 8.485                                                  |

## The Thermal Conductivity of Liquid Deuterium

The only experimental measurements of the thermal conductivity of liquid deuterium are those of Powers, Mattox, and Johnston (Ohio State University Report TR 436-1, April 23, 1951). Measurements were made in a parallel-plate apparatus for normal and *ortho* deuterium over the temperature interval 19° - 26°K and were found to give a positive temperature coefficient. Within the experimental uncertainty (< 2.5%) the *ortho*-*para* composition had no effect on the thermal conductivity. The authors have fitted their data to line having the equation

$$k = (2.020 + 0.04965T)10^{-4} \text{ cal cm}^{-1} \text{ sec}^{-1} \text{ }^{\circ}\text{K}^{-1}$$

The values tabulated here were computed from this equation. The maximum uncertainty is 2.5% and the standard deviation is 0.9%.

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