

VAPOR PRESSURE OF THE METALLIC ELEMENTS — EQUATIONS

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This table gives coefficients in an equation for the vapor pressure of 65 metallic elements in both the solid and liquid state. Vapor pressures in the range 10^{-10} to 10^2 Pa (10^{-15} to 10^{-3} atm) are covered. The equation is:

$$\text{for } p \text{ in atmospheres: } \log(p/\text{atm}) = A + BT^{-1} + C\log T + DT^3$$

$$\text{for } p \text{ in pascals: } \log(p/\text{Pa}) = 5.006 + A + BT^{-1} + C\log T + DT^3$$

$$\text{for } p \text{ in torr (mmHg): } \log(p/\text{torr}) = 2.881 + A + BT^{-1} + C\log T + DT^3$$

where T is the temperature in K.

This equation reproduces the observed vapor pressures to an accuracy of 5% or better. The metals are listed alphabetically by name, and the melting point is included.

The table following this one gives values of the vapor pressure at several temperatures in the 400 K to 2400 K range, as calculated from these equations.

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Reference

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Element	Phase	A	B	C	D	Range/k	mp/k
Aluminum	Solid	9.459	-17342	-0.7927		298-mp	933
Aluminum	Liquid	5.911	-16211			mp-1800	
Americium	Solid	11.311	-15059	-1.3449		298-mp	1449
Barium	Solid	12.405	-9690	-2.2890		298-mp	1000
Barium	Liquid	4.007	-8163			mp-1200	
Beryllium	Solid	8.042	-17020	-0.4440		298-mp	1560
Beryllium	Liquid	5.786	-15731			mp-1800	
Cadmium	Solid	5.939	-5799			298-mp	594
Cadmium	Liquid	5.242	-5392			mp-650	
Calcium	Solid	10.127	-9517	-1.4030		298-mp	1115
Cerium	Solid	6.139	-21752			298-mp	1071
Cerium	Liquid	5.611	-21200			mp-2450	
Cesium	Solid	4.711	-3999			298-mp	302
Cesium	Liquid	4.165	-3830			mp-550	
Chromium	Solid	6.800	-20733	0.4391	-0.4094	298-2000	2180
Cobalt	Solid	10.976	-22576	-1.0280		298-mp	1768
Cobalt	Liquid	6.488	-20578			mp-2150	
Copper	Solid	9.123	-17748	-0.7317		298-mp	1358
Copper	Liquid	5.849	-16415			mp-1850	
Curium	Solid	8.369	-20364	-0.5770		298-mp	1618
Curium	Liquid	5.223	-18292			mp-2200	
Dysprosium	Solid	9.579	-15336	-1.1114		298-mp	1685
Erbium	Solid	9.916	-16642	-1.2154		298-mp	1802
Erbium	Liquid	4.668	-14380			mp-1900	
Europium	Solid	9.240	-9459	-1.1661		298-mp	1095
Gadolinium	Solid	8.344	-20861	-0.5775		298-mp	1586
Gadolinium	Liquid	5.557	-19389			mp-2250	
Gallium	Solid	6.657	-14208			298-mp	303
Gallium	Liquid	6.754	-13984	-0.3413		mp-1600	
Gold	Solid	9.152	-19343	-0.7479		298-mp	1337
Gold	Liquid	5.832	-18024			mp-2050	
Hafnium	Solid	9.445	-32482	-0.6735		298-mp	2506
Holmium	Solid	9.785	-15899	-1.1753		298-mp	1747
Indium	Solid	5.991	-12548			298-mp	430
Indium	Liquid	5.374	-12276			mp-1500	
Iridium	Solid	10.506	-35099	-0.7500		298-2500	2719
Iron	Solid	7.100	-21723	0.4536	-0.5846	298-mp	1811
Iron	Liquid	6.347	-19574			mp-2100	
Lanthanum	Solid	7.463	-22551	-0.3142		298-mp	1191
Lanthanum	Liquid	5.911	-21855			mp-2450	
Lead	Solid	5.643	-10143			298-mp	600
Lead	Liquid	4.911	-9701			mp-1200	
Lithium	Solid	5.667	-8310			298-mp	454
Lithium	Liquid	5.055	-8023			mp-1000	
Lutetium	Solid	8.793	-22423	-0.6200		298-mp	1936
Lutetium	Liquid	5.648	-20302			mp-2350	

Element	Phase	A	B	C	D	Range/k	mp/k
Magnesium	Solid	8.489	-7813	-0.8253		298-mp	923
Manganese	Solid	12.805	-15097	-1.7896		298-mp	1519
Mercury	Liquid	5.116	-3190			298-400	234
Molybdenum	Solid	11.529	-34626	-1.1331		298-2500	2895
Neodymium	Solid	8.996	-17264	-0.9519		298-mp	1294
Neodymium	Liquid	4.912	-15824			mp-2000	
Neptunium	Solid	19.643	-24886	-3.9991		298-mp	917
Neptunium	Liquid	10.076	-23378	-1.3250		mp-2500	
Nickel	Solid	10.557	-22606	-0.8717		298-mp	1728
Nickel	Liquid	6.666	-20765			mp-2150	
Niobium	Solid	8.882	-37818	-0.2575		298-2500	2750
Osmium	Solid	9.419	-41198	-0.3896		298-2500	3306
Palladium	Solid	9.502	-19813	-0.9258		298-mp	1828
Palladium	Liquid	5.426	-17899			mp-2100	
Platinum	Solid	4.882	-29387	1.1039	-0.4527	298-mp	2041
Platinum	Liquid	6.386	-26856			mp-2500	
Plutonium	Solid	26.160	-19162	-6.6675		298-600	913
Plutonium	Solid	18.858	-18460	-4.4720		500-mp	
Plutonium	Liquid	3.666	-16658			mp-2450	
Potassium	Solid	4.961	-4646			298-mp	337
Potassium	Liquid	4.402	-4453			mp-600	
Praseodymium	Solid	8.859	-18720	-0.9512		298-mp	1204
Praseodymium	Liquid	4.772	-17315			mp-2200	
Protactinium	Solid	10.552	-34869	-1.0075		298-mp	1845
Protactinium	Liquid	6.177	-32874			mp-2500	
Rhenium	Solid	11.543	-40726	-1.1629		298-2500	3459
Rhodium	Solid	10.168	-29010	-0.7068		298-mp	2236
Rhodium	Liquid	6.802	-26792			mp-2500	
Rubidium	Solid	4.857	-4215			298-mp	312
Rubidium	Liquid	4.312	-4040			mp-550	
Ruthenium	Solid	9.755	-34154	-0.4723		298-mp	2606
Samarium	Solid	9.988	-11034	-1.3287		298-mp	1347
Scandium	Solid	6.650	-19721	0.2885	-0.3663	298-mp	1814
Scandium	Liquid	5.795	-17681			mp-2000	
Silver	Solid	9.127	-14999	-0.7845		298-mp	1235
Silver	Liquid	5.752	-13827			mp-1600	
Sodium	Solid	5.298	-5603			298-mp	371
Sodium	Liquid	4.704	-5377			mp-700	
Strontium	Solid	9.226	-8572	-1.1926		298-mp	1050
Tantalum	Solid	16.807	-41346	-3.2152	0.7437	298-2500	3280
Terbium	Solid	9.510	-20457	-0.9247		298-mp	1629
Terbium	Liquid	5.411	-18639			mp-2200	
Thallium	Solid	5.971	-9447			298-mp	577
Thallium	Liquid	5.259	-9037			mp-1100	
Thorium	Solid	8.668	-31483	-0.5288		298-mp	2023
Thorium	Liquid	-18.453	-24569	6.6473		mp-2500	
Thulium	Solid	8.882	-12270	-0.9564		298-1400	1818
Tin	Solid	6.036	-15710			298-mp	505
Tin	Liquid	5.262	-15332			mp-1850	
Titanium	Solid	11.925	-24991	-1.3376		298-mp	1943
Titanium	Liquid	6.358	-22747			mp-2400	
Tungsten	Solid	2.945	-44094	1.3677		298-2350	3687
Tungsten	Solid	54.527	-57687	-12.2231		2200-2500	
Uranium	Solid	0.770	-27729	2.6982	-1.5471	298-mp	1408
Uranium	Liquid	20.735	-28776	-4.0962		mp-2500	
Vanadium	Solid	9.744	-27132	-0.5501		298-mp	2183
Vanadium	Liquid	6.929	-25011			mp-2500	
Ytterbium	Solid	9.111	-8111	-1.0849		298-900	1092
Yttrium	Solid	9.735	-22306	-0.8705		298-mp	1795
Yttrium	Liquid	5.795	-20341			mp-2300	
Zinc	Solid	6.102	-6776			298-mp	693
Zinc	Liquid	5.378	-6286			mp-750	
Zirconium	Solid	10.008	-31512	-0.7890		298-m.p	2127
Zirconium	Liquid	6.806	-30295			mp-2500	