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Approximately 730 references to books, papers, and reports are listed on ignition of combustible gaseous mixtures and ignition apparatus. The ignition of gases includes ignition by electric sparks and arcs and by hot surfaces. The references on ignition apparatus are for the most part on ignition systems and components for internal-combustion engines, with spark plugs listed separately from other components.

1. Introduction

This publication supersedes National Bureau of Standards Circular 580. It covers the initiation of combustion in explosive gaseous mixtures by means other than compression ignition, as well as electric equipment for spark-ignition engines.

Part 2.1 lists books in which ignition or ignition equipment is either the main topic or is given fairly extensive treatment.

The references to other publications are presented under three main heads. The first concerns ignition of combustible mixtures of gases and vapors, and is subdivided into two parts, according to whether ignition is effected by an electric spark or arc or by a heated surface. Part 2.2.a includes references to work on measuring spark energy. Part 2.2.b covers both fundamental investigations of ignition by heated surfaces and ignition by hot spots in internal-combustion engines.

Although ignition is an essential stage in the combustion process, papers dealing primarily with the kinetics of combustion, flame propagation, and detonation, or with the flammability limits of composition, temperature, and pressure of gases, have not been included in this bibliography unless they were found to contribute also to an understanding of ignition phenomena.

Part 2.3 lists references on spark-ignition systems for internal-combustion engines, and their components. It includes work on testing and test equipment. Because there are so many references to spark plugs, these are listed separately as part 2.3.b.

Part 2.4 contains miscellaneous references on ignition that do not fall within the category of part 2.2. Included are a number of papers and reports concerning explosion hazards and ignition of fuels used in rocket propulsion.

Within each topical subdivision the references are given in chronological order, and within each chronological subdivision, alphabetically by author, followed by anonymous references.

The journal abbreviations used are those employed in Chemical Abstracts, except that the abbreviation NACA is used for the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics and SAE J. for the Journal of the Society of Automotive Engineers. An unpublished paper presented before a technical or professional society is designated by the abbreviation M. P. for Meeting Paper. Volume numbers are in boldface, and the date of issue is given in cases where page numbers do not run consecutively through a given volume.

In general, the reports and papers listed are available only in libraries, and none can be supplied by the Bureau. The Federal Specification for Spark Plugs, W-S-506(2) (listed in part 2.3.b), may be obtained for 10 cents from the Business Service Center, Federal Supply Service, General Services Administration Regional Office, Washington D.C. 20407. The sources of translation of several articles in foreign languages are given. Some of these are available from the Office of Technical Services (OTS), U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington D.C. 20230. That agency can usually furnish information as to the availability of translations of other foreign-language articles. Information as to the availability of other reports should be obtained from the author or from the sponsoring organization.

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Troposphere and Space Telecommunications. Data Reduction Instrumentation. Radio Noise. Tropospheric Measurements. Tropospheric Analysis. Spectrum Utilization Research. Radio-Meteorology. Lower Atmosphere Physics.

Radio Systems. Applied Electromagnetic Theory. High Frequency and Very High Frequency Research. Frequency Utilization. Modulation Research. Antenna Research. Radiodetermination.

Upper Atmosphere and Space Physics. Upper Atmosphere and Plasma Physics. High Latitude Ionosphere Physics. Ionosphere and Exosphere Scatter. Airglow and Aurora. Ionospheric Radio Astronomy.

RADIO STANDARDS LABORATORY

Radio Standards Physics. Frequency and Time Disseminations. Radio and Microwave Materials. Atomic Frequency and Time-Interval Standards. Radio Plasma. Microwave Physics.

Radio Standards Engineering. High Frequency Electrical Standards. High Frequency Calibration Services. High Frequency Impedance Standards. Microwave Calibration Services. Microwave Circuit Standards. Low Frequency Calibration Services.

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