

PREFACE

This volume provides a five-year supplement to the original "Infrared Absorption Spectra: Index for 1945-1957." As every scientist realizes only too well, the very rapid growth of the scientific literature continues to make it increasingly difficult to keep abreast of current publications. In order to contribute in one small way towards minimizing this problem, the literature coverage of this Index has been very substantially increased. It now includes sixty-six journals and one collection of spectra in book form as compared with thirty-three journals and one book in the original. One result of this is a much improved geographical balance in the journals represented.

Even this expanded coverage, of course, includes only a small fraction of all published journals in which one might reasonably expect to find infrared absorption spectra. However, I have attempted to cover a broad cross-section of the important Free-World literature within the limits of the availability of journals and time.

To further enhance the utility of this volume, it has been completed as promptly as possible so as to make it available with a minimum of delay. For this reason, it has been necessary in a very few cases to omit the final number of the last volume of a journal because it had not become available at the deadline. Such omissions are indicated in the list of Journals Indexed which follows.

This Index contains approximately 20,000 references to infrared absorption spectra published during 1958-1962. As in the previous volume of this series, each reference indicates the journal, volume, and page where an actual spectrum of the compound is reproduced.

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