

Germanium ${}_{32}\text{Ge}^{72.61}$

Discovered in 1886 by C.A. Winkler at Freiberg, Germany.

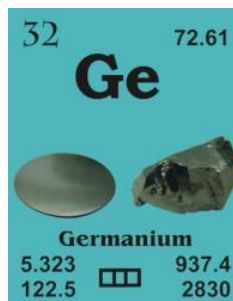
[Latin, Germania= Germany]

French: germanium

German: Germanium

Italian: germanio

Spanish: germanio



Atomic number	32
Density in g/cm ³	5.323
Atomic radius in pm	125
Atomic weight	72.61
Melting point in °C	937.4
Boiling point in °C	2830

Description: Ultrapure germanium is a silvery-white brittle metalloid element. It is stable in air and water, is unaffected by acids, except HNO₃, and alkalis. It is used in semiconductors, alloys and special glasses for infrared devices.

GERMANIUM SINGLE CRYSTAL PROPERTIES

CRYSTALLOGRAPHIC	
Syngony	Cubic
Symmetry Class	m3m
Lattice Constants	a = 5.657 Å c = a
Cleavability	(111), perfect
OPTICAL	
Refractive Index at n_{10.6}	4.0034
Refractive Index at n_{8.0} - n_{12.5}	0.0036
Thermal Coefficient of Refractive Index at 3.39 microns for Δ60 °C	35 - 40 x 10 ⁻⁵
Transmission Range, microns	2 - 17
THERMAL	
Thermal Linear Expansion, °C⁻¹ for Δ60 °C	(5.1 ... 5.8) x 10 ⁻⁶
Thermal Conductivity, W/(m * °C) at 27 °C	59.8
Specific Heat Capacity, J/(kg * °C)	0.310
Melting Point, °C	937
Absorbance Δ (Δ), cm⁻¹ at 10.6 microns	0.027



MECHANICAL

Density, g/cm³ at 25 °C	5.33
Mohs Hardness	6
Vickers Microhardness, Pa	900 x 10 ⁷
	S11 = 9.69 x 10 ⁻¹²
Constants of Elastic Compliance, Pa⁻¹	S12 = -2.65 x 10 ⁻¹²
	S44 = 14.89 x 10 ⁻¹²
Young Modulus (E), Pa	
in <100> direction	10.32 x 10 ¹⁰
in <111> direction	15.56 x 10 ¹⁰
Shear Modulus (G), Pa	
in <100> direction	6.72 x 10 ¹⁰
in <111> direction	4.67 x 10 ¹⁰
Poisson Ratio	0.278

CHEMICAL

Molecular Weight	72.61
Solubility	
in water, gram/100 cm³	insoluble

REF. INDEX VS. WAVELENGTH λ

Wavelength, Microns	Refractive Index
2.0	4.1079
3.0	4.0446
4.0	4.0242
5.0	4.0153
6.0	4.0106
7.0	4.0076
8.0	4.0053
9.0	4.0047
10.0	4.0040
11.0	4.0031
12.0	4.0029
12.5	4.0024
15.0	4.0017

INTERNAL TRANSMITTANCE

Wavelength, Microns	Internal Transmittance
3.0	0.97
5.0	0.97
6.0	0.97
7.0	0.97
8.0	0.97



9.0	0.97
10.0	0.96
12.0	0.70
15.0	0.56
Crystal structure:	(cell dimensions/pm), space group, cubic (a=565.754), F _s 3m, diamond structure High pressure forms: (a=488.4, c=269.2), I4 ₁ /amd; (a=593, c=698), P4 ₃ 2 ₁ 2; (a=692), b.c.c.
X-ray diffractions mass absorption coefficients:	CuK _α 75.6 (μ/r) / cm ² g ⁻¹ MoK _α 64.8 (μ/r) / cm ² g ⁻¹
Neutron scattering length:	0.8193 b/10 ⁻¹² cm
Thermal neutron capture cross-section:	2.2 sa / barns
Density:	5323 kg/m ⁻³ [293 K]; 5490 [liquid at m.p.]
Melting point:	937.45°C / 1210.6°K
Boiling point:	2829.85°C / 3103°K
Molar volume:	13.64 cm ³
Thermal conductivity:	59.9 [300 K] W m ⁻¹ K ⁻¹
Coefficient of linear thermal expansion:	5.57 x 10 ⁻⁶ K ⁻¹
Electrical resistivity:	0.46 [295 K] Ωm
Mass magnetic susceptibility:	-1.328 x 10 ⁻⁹ (s) kg ⁻¹ m ³
Young's modulus:	79.9 GPa
Rigidity modulus:	29.6 GPa
Bulk modulus:	n.a.
Poisson's ratio:	0.32 GPa
Radi:	Ge ²⁺ 90; Ge ⁴⁻ 272; atomic 123; covalent 122
Electronegativity:	2.01 (Pauling); 2.02 (Allred); 4.6 eV (absolute)
Effective nuclear charge:	5.65 (Slater); 6.78 (Clementi); 7.92 (Froese-Fischer)
Number of Isotopes (incl. nuclear isomers):	24
Isotope mass range:	64→ 83

