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- nonferrous metals;
- semiconductors and superconductors;
- magnetic materials;
- insulators and dielectrics;
- miscellaneous electrical materials;
- ceramics, refractories and glasses;
- polymers and elastomers;
- minerals, ores and gemstones;
- rocks and meteorites;
- soils and fertilizers;
- cements, concrete, building stones and construction materials;
- timbers and woods;
- fuels, propellants and explosives;
- composite materials;
- gases;
- liquids.

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