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Ag	961	10.49	950	W.Ta.Mo. Al ₂ O ₃	Mo.C	R=96.4%	2.14/4 μm 4.6/6 μm	Highest reflectance mirrors visible to IR.
Al	660	2.70	1010	BN-TiB ₂ ,W	BN-TiB ₂ ,C	R=91.2%		Conductive lines. Front surface mirrors, reflectors (alloy and wets W)
AlCu 98/2 wt%	640	2.82						Wire feed & flash. Difficult from dual sources.
AlF ₃	1257 sublimes	2.9	700 sublimes	W.Mo.Ta	X		1.39/vis	Not affected by water. Good mechanical strength
AlN	2200	3.26	1750	(RF sputter)		R=13.4%		Decomposes. Reactive evap in 10 ⁻³ T N ₂ with glow discharge.
Al ₂ O ₃	2015	3.96	1325	W	W	0.2-9	1.8/UV 1.63/Vis 1.73/IR	Al mirror protection. UV laser ARC and high reflectors.
AlSiCu 98.5/1/0.5 wt%	640	2.73						
AZOY 2/98 wt%	1975	5.66					1.98/0.44 μm 1.90/0.56 μm 1.86/0.68 μm	Transparent conductive film
Au	1063	19.3	1132	W.Mo	Mo.C	R=95.1%		Contact layer. High reflecting films for front surface mirror in IR laser
B	2180	2.35	1797 sublimes		C			(carbide with crucible, cool slow)
Ba	714	3.58	735	W.Mo. Ta	W			(wets without alloying, reacts with ceramic)
BaF ₂	1280	4.89	~700	W.Mo. Ta	W.Mo	0.25-15	1.5/UV 1.47/Vis 1.44/IR	
BN	~3000	2.25	~1600	(RF sputter)				Decomposes when sputtered; Reactive preferred
B ₂ O ₃	~450	1.81	~1400		Pt.Mo		1.48	
BaO	1923	5.72	~1200	Pt	X(Al ₂ O ₃)			
BaTiO ₃	1618	6.02	decomposed	(RF sputter)			2.4/Vis 2.4/IR	Dielectric film. Thin film capacitor.
Be	1278	1.85	1000	W.Mo.Ta	C.(BeO)			(Toxic) Semiconductor junctions.(Wets W.Mo Ta)
Bi ₂ O ₃	820	8.9	~1400	Pt.Mo.	X		1.91/Vis	(Vapor toxic) Beam splitter
Bi ₂ Te ₃	585	7.9	400-800	W.Mo.	-(QZ)			Magneto-optic film.(by co-evaporation)
C	3500	B	2130 sublimes	(Arc/RF sputter)		R=17.1%	2.45/0.44 μm 2.42/0.6 μm	
Ca	850	1.55	459	W	X(Al ₂ O ₃ ,QZ)			Corrodes in air
CaF ₂	1403	3.18	120-1000	Mo. Ta. W	-(QZ)	0.15-12	1.4/Vis 1.3/IR	Low index UV-IR. Anti-Reflection Coating on glass
CdS	1477	4.82	~250 sublimes	Mo. W	-(QZ)		2.4-2.8/Vis	(aperture cover required)
CeF ₃	1460	6.16	~900	W.Mo.Ta		0.3-11	1.62/0.5 1.5/5-10	(preheat to outgas)
CeO ₂	2600	7.13	2310	W			2.1/Vis 2.2/IR	
Cd	321	8.64	180	W.Mo.Ta	(Al ₂ O ₃)		2.34/1 μm	Bad for vacuum systems. Low sticking coefficient.
CdSe	>1350	5.81	540	Mo.Ta	(Al ₂ O ₃)		2.54/1 μm	Evaporates easily.
CdTe	1121	5.85	450	W.Mo.Ta			2.6	
Co	1492	8.9	1200	W/Al ₂ O ₃ ,W	(Al ₂ O ₃ ,BeO)	(R=68%)		Ferromagnetic thin film.(alloys with refractories)
CoO	1795	6.45		(RF sputter)				
Cr	1890	7.19	1157 sublimes	W or Cr metallized on W rod	C,W	R=63.6%	2.7-3.2/V	Beam splitting film. Mirrors. Adhesion film on glass for printed circuits.

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Cr ₂ O ₃	2435	5.2	~2000	W	W. Mo	0.6	2.5/Vis 2.4/1.8	hard binding layer. (Decompose to lower oxidized, reoxidized @600°C)
Cr-SiO				W				Resistor films (by flash evaporation)
Cu	1083	8.93	1017	W. Mo. Ta	Mo,C,BN-TiB ₂	R=93.8%		IR reflector. Contacts
Fe	1536	7.87	1200	W	(Al ₂ O ₃ ,BeO)			Photo mask. (attacks W)
FeO	1369	5.7		(RF sputter)			2.32	
Fe ₂ O ₃	1565	5.24		W			3.01	Disproportionates to Fe ₃ O ₄ at 1530°C
Ga	30	5.9	907		(QZ,Al ₂ O ₃)			(alloys with refractories)
GaAs	1238	5.3		W.Ta		R=28.6/ 5 μ	3.3/5 μ	
GaN	800 sublimes	6.1	~200		(Al ₂ O ₃)	(R=16%)	2.44/0.5 μ 2.40/0.6 μ	(evaporate Ga in 10 ⁻³ N ₂)
GaP	1540	4.1	920	W Ta	(QZ)	R=29.5%	3.2-3.8/Vis	
Ge	958	5.32	1167	W. Mo. Ta	C.(Al ₂ O ₃ ,QZ)		4.4/2 μ 4.0/0.10 μ	High index film in IR filters.
GeO ₂	1086	G	~625	Mo. Ta. W	(QZ. Al ₂ O ₃)			Dielectric, protective film
Hf	2230	13.28	3090					
HfO ₂	2812	9.68	~2500	W		0.25	2.09/0.3 μ 2.0/0.5 μ 1.93/0.7 μ	IR mirror overcoat, UV laser multilayers, emitter wire coating. (high damage threshold 0.35 μ)
In	156	7.31	742	W. Mo	Ta. Mo(Al ₂ O ₃)			Transistor contacts, Solder joints. (wets W and Cu. Ta or Mo liner)
In ₂ O ₃	850	7.18	~1200	W.Pt	W. (Al ₂ O ₃)			
InP	1070	4.8	730	W.Ta		R=32.2%	3.5-4.1/Vis	
ITO 90/10 wt%	~1900	7.17		W. Pt		0.4-2	2/Vis	Transparent conductive film.
Ir	2410	22.42	2380	(DC sputter)				
La	920	6.17	1388	Ta	(Al ₂ O ₃)			(Films burn in air if scrape)
LaB ₆	2210	2.61		(RF sputter)				
La ₂ O ₃	2307	6.51	1400	W.Ta	W		1.73	
LaF ₃	1490	5.94	~900	Mo. Ta	Mo. W	0.25-11	1.64/0.3 1.61/0.4 1.5/3 μ	(preheat to outgas)
Li	181	0.53	407	Ta	(Al ₂ O ₃)	R=90.2%		metal reacts quickly in air
LiF	845	2.6	1180	Ta. Mo. W			1.36/Vis	(preheat to outgas)
LiNbO ₃	1257	4.64				R=15.5%	2.34/0.5 μ 2.30/0.6 μ	
Mg	650	1.74	327 sublimes	W. Mo. Ta	(C. Al ₂ O ₃)	(R=96%)		Diffusion with Bi on glass to form ferromagnetic film.
MgAl ₂ O ₄	2135	3.6		(RF sputter)			1.72	Natural spinel.
MgF ₂	1261	3.2	~1300	W. Mo. Ta	Mo	0.15-6	1.42/0.3 1.38/Vis 1.35/IR	ARC multilayers. (reacts with W)
MgO	2852	3.58	~1600	W	C.W		1.73/Vis	Insulator. High Temp. dielectric.
Mn	1245	7.43	647	W.Mo. Ta	-(C,Al ₂ O ₃)	(R=61%)		Semiconductor contacts. Adhesion film.
Mo	2610	10.22	2100		C or Mo cone	(R=58%)		Semiconductor contacts. Hard, smooth film.
MoS ₂	1185	4.8	~50	(RF sputter)				

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MoSi ₂	2050	6.31		W				Decomposes
Na	98	0.97	192	Ta, SS	(QZ)	(R=98%)	0.042	Preheat gently to outgas. Metal reacts
Na ₃ AlF ₆	1000	2.9	900	W,Ta,Mo	W,Mo,C	0.25~14	1.35/0.55	Soft, water reactive
Nb	2468	8.57	2285		W			Anodic film for rectification.
NbO		7.3	1100	Pt	(RF sputter)			
Nb ₂ O ₃	1780	7.5		W	(RF sputter)			
Nb ₂ O ₅	1520	4.47		W	(RF sputter)		2.4/0.5 μ 2.33/0.6 μ	
Ni	1453	8.91	1260	W/Al ₂ O ₃ ,W	(Al ₂ O ₃ ,C,BeO)	R=65.4%		Durable mirrors. Adhesion layer.(alloy with refractories)
NiCr 80/20 wt%	1450	8.4	1250	W,Ta	(Al ₂ O ₃ ,C,BeO)			Thin film resistor. Good adhesion on non-metals.(alloy with refractories)
NiFe 81/19 wt%	1395	8.7	1307	W	(Al ₂ O ₃ ,C)			
Pb	328	11.34	497	W,Ta,Mo	(QZ, Al ₂ O ₃)			(Toxic,tate control important)
PbF ₂	855	8.24	~400	W,Pt,Ta	-(Al ₂ O ₃)		1.98/UV 1.75/Vis 1.7/IR	(Toxic)Dielectric interference filter for UV
PbO	886	9.53	550	Pt	(QZ, Al ₂ O ₃)		2.6	
PbS	1114	7.5	500	W	W,Mo (QZ,Al ₂ O ₃)		3.92 4.2-4.04/3.5-10 μ	
Pd	1552	12.02	1192	W	(Al ₂ O ₃ ,BeO)	R=72.4%		(alloy with refractories, fine wire-rapid evaporation suggested)
Pr ₂ O ₃	2200	7.07	1900	W	W,C.	0.4-3	1.75-1.8/0.4 1.75-1.7/0.5-0.7	wide-band Vis AR coating (Reactive to radio frequency)
Pt	1769	21.45	1747	W	C,(ThO ₂)	R=68.4%		(alloy with metal liner, fine wire will self evaporate)
Re	3180	21.04	2571					(fine wire will self evaporate)
Rh	1966	12.41	1707	W	C			
Ru	2310	12.3	2260	W				
Sb	631	6.62	425	Ta,Mo	X(Al ₂ O ₃ ,BN)			(Toxic)
Sb ₂ O ₃	656	5.67	~300	Pt,Mo	(BN,Al ₂ O ₃)	0.3-10	2.2/0.4 2.1/0.55	(Toxic,gentle heating sublimes)
Sc	1539	3.0	1000	Ta	(Al ₂ O ₃ ,BeO)			Neutron filters.(alloy with Ta)
Sc ₂ O ₃	2485	3.86	2400		C,W	0.25-5	1.95/0.3 1.90/0.4 1.85/0.7	UV ARC 248nm. High damage threshold at 355 nm with MgF ₂
Se	217	4.79	170	Mo,W	(C,Al ₂ O ₃)		2.78/Vis	(Toxic) photoconductive and rectifier film.
Si	1410	2.33	1350	Ta	C,W,(BeO)		3.4/3 μ	(SiO produce with W boat alloy)
SiC	2700	3.22	~1000	(RF sputter)		(R=20%)	2.65-2.7	
SiO	1702	2.13	~850 sublimes	Ta, W, Mo	Ta	0.45-7	12.0/0.5 1.91/1	Resistance evaporation. Low tensile stress. (low rate suggest)
SiO ₂	1710	2.2	~1200	Ta, W.	no liner, C	0.2-7	1.49/UV 1.46/Vis 1.44/IR	Insulating layer.
Si ₃ N ₄	1900	3.044	~880	(RF sputter)		R=11.4%	2.03/0.5 μ	
Sn	232	7.29	997	Mo, Ta	Ta (Al ₂ O ₃)			Cryogenic switching device. (wets Mo)

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SnO ₂	1630	6.95	600 sublimes	W	W (Al ₂ O ₃)		2.0/Vis	Anti-static film. Transparent heating element.
SrF ₂	1473	4.24	~1000				1.44/Vis	Transparent film in IR
Ta	2996	16.6	2590		Ta cone	(R=49%)		Film capacitors.
TaN	3360	16.3		(RF sputter)				Evaporate Ta in 10 ⁻³ Torr N ₂
Ta ₂ O ₅	1800	8.2	1920	Ta	C. Ta	0.3-10	2.4/0.3 2.09/0.55-2	Film capacitors. Visible filter, Laser ARC, Hard protective films
Tb	1356	8.27	1150	Ta	(Al ₂ O ₃)			
Te	450	6.24	277	W. Ta. Mo	x(QZ, Al ₂ O ₃)			
Ti	1668	4.51	1453	W. Ta	C	(R=54%)		Adhesion layer for Au. Vacuum getter.
TiO	1750	4.95	~1500	W.Mo	(RF sputter)		2.2	
TiO ₂	1850	3.9(a) 4.26(r)	~1300	W. Ta	no liner, Ta	0.45-11	2.81/0.45 2.71/0.5 2.55/0.7 2.45/1-2	(Amorphous below 300°C, anatase and rutile phases above 300°C) Durable multilayer, Protective coating.
Ti ₂ O ₃	2130	4.6		W	(RF sputter)			
Ti ₃ O ₅	1750	4.2						
V	1900	6.11	1547	W. Mo		R=53%		(alloy with W, wets Mo)
V ₂ O ₅	690	3.36	~500		(QZ) (RF sputter)		1.46-1.76	
W	3387	19.3	2757		W cone	R=50.4%	3.3-3.6/Vis	Contacts on semiconductors.
WO ₃	1473	7.16	1460	W. Pt			1.68/Vis	Shadow casting for electro microscope.
W/Ti 90/10 wt%		14.6	2600					Diffusion barrier films, primarily between interconnects.
WS ₂	1250	7.5		(RF sputter)				
WSi ₂	>900	9.4		(RF sputter)				
Y	1522	4.47	1157	W.Ta				
Y ₃ Al ₅ O ₁₂	1990	4.55		W	(RF sputter)		1.83/0.6 μm	
YF ₃	1387	4.01					~1.5/Vis	
Y ₂ O ₃	2410	5.01	~2000	W.Ta	C	0.3-11	1.93/Vis	Hard film, thin film capacitor.
YbF ₃	1157	8.17	~800	Mo	(Al ₂ O ₃)	0.25-11	1.45/IR	
Zn	420	7.13	250	W.Ta.Mo	Mo(Al ₂ O ₃ ,QZ)			Metallized paper.Capacitor dielectric films
ZnO	1975	5.61	~1800				2.05/0.5 μm 2.00/0.6 μm	Sensor
ZnS	1700	4.1	800 sublimes partially decompose	Ta.Mo (QZ)	(RF sputter)		2.35/Vis 2.2/IR	Multilayers. High index film used in non-absorbing beam splitters.
ZnSe	1526	5.42	660	Ta.W.Mo	(QZ)		2.5/Vis	
ZnTe	1239	6.34	~600	Ta.MO	(RF sputter)		3.56	Preheat gently to outgas
Zr	1852	6.51	1987	W				Interference layers. On W field emitters to alter emission characteristics. (alloy with W)
ZrO ₂	2700	5.89	~2200	W			2.15/Vis 2.0/IR	Dielectric coating, emitter coating on wire