

Book Review

Organometallic Chemistry Reviews Section B — Annual Surveys, Vol. 7. Edited by D. Seyferth and R.B. King. Elsevier Sequoia S.A., — Lausanne, 1971, Subscription price \$23.00 (incl. postage). No. 1. SILICON, ANNUAL SURVEY COVERING THE YEAR 1968

The survey of silicon chemistry for the year 1968 includes a very large amount of information and should prove to be of significant value as a reference source for workers in some part of the general area.

The author has obviously made a considerable effort to group together articles covering particular aspects of silicon chemistry, which makes the task of finding specific pieces of information a little easier. However, this review would probably have been of more general value if some degree of sub-titling or indexing could have been introduced. Since the literature covered has now been in print for three years, a review of this type should be designed to help the reader in surveying the field rather than just acting as a compilation of references. The large number of the latter (1169) represents both the amount of activity in the field and the need for surveys of this type to act as accessible reference sources. In short, it is the opinion of this reviewer that, if the series of Annual Surveys is to continue its useful and admirable purpose, modifications will be necessary in the method of presentation as the volume of literature in specific fields increases.

This volume, however, will still serve an extremely useful reference function and as such is to be recommended

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