

# Lead telluride

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**Lead telluride (Phoebe)** is a compound of lead and tellurium (PbTe); it is a narrow gap semiconductor. It occurs naturally as the mineral altaite.

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## Properties

- Dielectric constant ~1000.
- Electron Effective mass ~  $0.01m_e$
- Hole mobility,  $\mu_p = 600 \text{ cm}^2 \text{ V}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$  (0 K);  $4000 \text{ cm}^2 \text{ V}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$  (300 K)

## Applications

It is often alloyed with tin to make lead tin telluride, which is used as an infrared detector material.

Lead telluride has good performance as a thermoelectric material, partly due to a low thermal conductivity and partly due to its electrical properties. It has peak thermoelectric performance at high temperature and was used in spacecraft power applications. [4]

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## External links

- National Pollutant Inventory Lead and compounds fact sheet (<http://www.npi.gov.au/database/substance-info/profiles/50.html>)
- Webelements (<http://www.webelements.com/webelements/compounds/text/Pb/Pb1Te1-1314916.html>)

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Lead telluride <sup>[1][2]</sup>	
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<b>Other names</b>	
Lead(II) telluride	
Altaite	
<b>Identifiers</b>	
CAS number	1314-91-6 ✓
PubChem	4389803
<b>Properties</b>	
Molecular formula	PbTe
Molar mass	334.80 g/mol
Appearance	gray cubic crystals.
Density	8.164 g/cm <sup>3</sup>
Melting point	924°C
Solubility in water	insoluble
Band gap	0.25 eV (0 K) 0.32 eV (300 K)
Electron mobility	1600 cm <sup>2</sup> V <sup>-1</sup> s <sup>-1</sup> (0 K) 6000 cm <sup>2</sup> V <sup>-1</sup> s <sup>-1</sup> (300 K)
<b>Structure</b>	
Crystal structure	Halite (cubic), cF8
Space group	Fm $\bar{3}$ m, No. 225
Coordination geometry	Octahedral (Pb <sup>2+</sup> ) Octahedral (Te <sup>2-</sup> )
<b>Thermochemistry</b>	
Std molar entropy $S^\ominus_{298}$	50.5 J·mol <sup>-1</sup> ·K <sup>-1</sup>
Std enthalpy of formation $\Delta_f H^\ominus_{298}$	-70.7 kJ·mol <sup>-1</sup>
Std enthalpy of combustion $\Delta_c H^\ominus_{298}$	110.0 J·mol <sup>-1</sup> ·K <sup>-1</sup>
<b>Hazards</b>	
MSDS	External MSDS ( <a href="http://www.espimetals.com/index.php/component/content/article/622-lead-telluride/639-lead-telluride">http://www.espimetals.com/index.php/component/content/article/622-lead-telluride/639-lead-telluride</a> )
EU Index	082-001-00-6
EU classification	Repr. Cat. 1/3 Harmful (Xn) Dangerous for the environment (N)
R-phrases	R61, R20/22, R33, R62, R50/53
S-phrases	S53, S45, S60, S61

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Other anions	Lead(II) oxide Lead(II) sulfide Lead selenide
Other cations	Carbon monotelluride Silicon monotelluride Germanium telluride Tin telluride
Related compounds	Thallium telluride Bismuth telluride
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