

# Selected data for common materials on the Vapor Box project

Quantities that use the Mathematica “Quantity” functionality have the first letter in *script*.

The abbreviation for stainless steel 316 is SS.

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(* some abbreviations for units *)  
gpcc = Quantity["Grams" / "Centimeters"3];  
jpkgk = Quantity[1.0, "Joules" / ("Kilograms" "Kelvins")];  
wpmk = Quantity["Watts" / ("Meters" "Kelvins")];
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Typical density of 316 stainless steel from [1]

[1] <https://www.azom.com/properties.aspx?ArticleID=863>

This page is also available at <https://web.archive.org/web/20190225005937/https://www.azom.com/properties.aspx?ArticleID=863>

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 $\rho_{SS} = 8. \text{ gpcc};$ 
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Density of mullite from [2]. We assume the ceramic heaters are made of mullite.

[2] <https://accuratus.com/mullite.html>.

This page is also available at <https://web.archive.org/web/20190225005700/https://accuratus.com/mullite.html>

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 $\rho_{Mullite} = 2.8 \text{ gpcc};$ 
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Specific heat of stainless steel from the same azom.com page as above. I arbitrarily chose the lowest value.

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 $c_{SS} = 490 \text{ jpkgk};$ 
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Specific heat capacity of Mullite, from [3]. The multiplying a constant value for  $c_{Mullite}$ , taken to be the highest encountered in the experiment, by the  $c_{MulliteTFactor}$  allows a more sophisticated analysis that takes into account the lower specific heat capacity at lower temperatures.

[3] Hildmann, Bernd, and Hartmut Schneider. “Heat Capacity of Mullite-New Data and Evidence for a High-Temperature Phase Transformation.” *Journal of the American Ceramic Society* 87, no. 2 (2004): 227–234.

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(* Temperature is in Kelvin *)
cMulliteT[T_] := Quantity[
  a + 10-5 b T + 104 c T-2 + 10 d T-0.5 + 106 e T-3, "Joules" / ("Grams" "Kelvins")] /.
  {a → 1.58816, b → -1.2254, c → -2.2240, d → -1.1142, e → 2.487} // Evaluate;
cMullite = cMulliteT[950];
(*worst case scenario for highest specific heat *);
cMulliteTFactor[TK_] := 
$$\frac{cMulliteT[TK]}{cMullite}$$

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Emissivity of stainless steel is estimated as 0.3, similar to that reported on page 61 of [4], for SS 316, “as received”, on first heating.

Coated and uncoated ceramic heater emissivities are from the Watlow High Temperature Heaters brochure, [5], page 439.

[4] Thermal radiative properties of selected materials / by W.D. Wood, H.W. Deem, and C.F. Lucks ; to Office of the Director of Defense Research and Engineering.  
Columbus, Ohio : Defense Metals Information Center, Battelle Memorial Institute, 1962.

[5] <https://transition.watlow.com/downloads/en/catalogs/high-temp.pdf>

Also available at <https://web.archive.org/web/20190225011854/https://transition.watlow.com/downloads/en/catalogs/high-temp.pdf>

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εSS = 0.3;
εCeramicHeaterHighEmissivity = 0.85;
εCeramicHeaterUncoatedSurfaces = 0.6; (* at 800C *)
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The temperature factor for the resistance of Kanthal wire. From [5], using data for Kanthal A.

[5] [https://www.kanthal.com/globalassets/kanthal-global/products/resistance-heating-wire-and-strip/materials-physical-and-mechanical-properties-chart\\_alkrothal-nikrothal.pdf](https://www.kanthal.com/globalassets/kanthal-global/products/resistance-heating-wire-and-strip/materials-physical-and-mechanical-properties-chart_alkrothal-nikrothal.pdf)

Also available at [https://web.archive.org/web/20190224231336/https://www.kanthal.com/globalassets/kanthal-global/products/resistance-heating-wire-and-strip/materials-physical-and-mechanical-properties-chart\\_alkrothal-nikrothal.pdf](https://web.archive.org/web/20190224231336/https://www.kanthal.com/globalassets/kanthal-global/products/resistance-heating-wire-and-strip/materials-physical-and-mechanical-properties-chart_alkrothal-nikrothal.pdf)

In[22]:=

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ρElTemperatureFactorKanthal[Tc_] :=
  Interpolation[{{20, 1}, {250, 1.01}, {500, 1.03}, {800, 1.05},
    {1000, 1.06}, {1200, 1.06}}, InterpolationOrder → 1][Tc];
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materialLib[ρ_, c_, k_, ε_] := <|"ρ" → ρ, "c" → c, "k" → k, "ε" → ε, "s" → ρ c|>;
materialLib["SS"] := materialLib[ρSS, cSS, 1, εSS];

materialLib["CeramicHeater"] :=
  materialLib[ρMullite, cMullite, 1, εCeramicHeaterHighEmissivity];
materialLib["CeramicHeaterUncoated"] :=
  materialLib[ρMullite, cMullite, 1, εCeramicHeaterUncoatedSurfaces];
materialLib["Arbitraryε0.1"] := materialLib[1, 1, 1, 0.1];
materialLib["Arbitraryε0.2"] := materialLib[1, 1, 1, 0.2];

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## Thickness of sheet metal gauges

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sheetGage[{"SS", g_}] := sheetGageSS[g];

sheetGageSS["16th"] := Quantity[0.0625, "Inches"];

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