This handbook provides information for about 50,000 trade name specifications or symbols. It is so arranged that the researcher can:

1. Find ingredients and properties of a symbol representing a specification or trade name.
2. Find specifications and trade names which fulfill desired properties.

Appendices cover:

I. Lists of names and addresses of firms whose materials are listed.
II. Lists of trade names appearing in book together with company supplying information.
III. 1. List of elements together with chemical symbols and book section where discussed.
    2. Abbreviations used.
    3. Temperature Conversion Table.
    4. Strength Conversion Table.
    5. Hardness and Tensile Values Approximate Conversion Table.

Such a handbook is an invaluable reference for any materials engineer and the more up to date the better. This one seems very usable.