

absorptance, α

Ratio of the absorbed to the incident *radiant power*. Also called absorption factor. When $\alpha \leq 1$, $\alpha \approx A_e$, where A_e is the Napierian absorbance.

G.B. 32; see also 1985, 57, 114; 1996, 68, 959; 1996, 68, 2226