

## 2. THE SPACE-GROUP TABLES

Table 2.1.3.7 (continued)

(b) Screw axes

Type of reflections	Reflection conditions	Screw axis			Crystallographic coordinate system to which condition applies	
		Direction of axis	Screw vector	Symbol		
$h00$	$h = 2n$	[100]	$\mathbf{a}/2$	$2_1$	Monoclinic ( $a$ unique), Orthorhombic, Tetragonal	Cubic
				$4_2$		
	$h = 4n$		$\mathbf{a}/4$	$4_1, 4_3$		
$0k0$	$k = 2n$	[010]	$\mathbf{b}/2$	$2_1$	Monoclinic ( $b$ unique), Orthorhombic, Tetragonal	Cubic
				$4_2$		
	$k = 4n$		$\mathbf{b}/4$	$4_1, 4_3$		
$00l$	$l = 2n$	[001]	$\mathbf{c}/2$	$2_1$	Monoclinic ( $c$ unique), Orthorhombic	Cubic
				$4_2$		
	$l = 4n$		$\mathbf{c}/4$	$4_1, 4_3$	Tetragonal	
$000l$	$l = 2n$	[001]	$\mathbf{c}/2$	$6_3$	Hexagonal	
	$l = 3n$		$\mathbf{c}/3$	$3_1, 3_2, 6_2, 6_4$		
	$l = 6n$		$\mathbf{c}/6$	$6_1, 6_5$		

with  $l = 2n$  is a consequence of a zonal condition (2). Accordingly, there need not be a twofold screw axis along [010]. Space groups obeying the conditions are  $Cc$  (9,  $b$  unique, cell choice 1) and  $C2/c$  (15,  $b$  unique, cell choice 1). Under certain conditions, using methods based on resonant scattering, it is possible to determine whether the structure space group is centrosymmetric or not (cf. Section 1.6.5.1).

For a different choice of the basis vectors, the reflection conditions would appear in a different form owing to the transformation of the reflection indices (cf. cell choices 2 and 3 for space groups  $Cc$  and  $C2/c$  in Chapter 2.3). The transformations of reflection conditions under coordinate transformations are discussed and illustrated in Sections 1.5.2 and 1.5.3.

*Special or 'extra' reflection conditions.* These apply either to the integral reflections  $hkl$  or to particular sets of zonal or serial reflections. In the space-group tables, the minimal special conditions are listed that, on combination with the general conditions, are sufficient to generate the complete set of conditions. This will be apparent from the examples below.

## Examples

 (1)  $P4_222$  (93)

General position  $8p$ :  $00l$ :  $l = 2n$ , due to  $4_2$ ; the projection on [001] of any crystal structure with this space group has periodicity  $\frac{1}{2}c$ .

Special position  $4i$ :  $hkl$ :  $h + k + l = 2n$ ; any set of symmetry-equivalent atoms in this position displays additional  $I$  centring.

Special position  $4n$ :  $0kl$ :  $l = 2n$ ; any set of equivalent atoms in this position displays a glide plane  $c \perp [100]$ . Projection of this set along [100] results in a halving of the original  $c$  axis, hence the special condition. Analogously for  $h0l$ :  $l = 2n$ .

 (2)  $C12/c1$  (15, unique axis  $b$ , cell choice 1)

General position  $8f$ :  $hkl$ :  $h + k = 2n$ , due to the  $C$ -centred cell.

Special position  $4d$ :  $hkl$ :  $k + l = 2n$ , due to additional  $A$  and  $B$  centring for atoms in this position. Combination with the general condition results in  $hkl$ :  $h + k, h + l, k + l = 2n$  or  $hkl$  all odd or all even; this corresponds to an  $F$ -centred arrangement of atoms in this position.

Special position  $4b$ :  $hkl$ :  $l = 2n$ , due to additional halving of the  $c$  axis for atoms in this position. Combination with the general condition results in  $hkl$ :  $h + k, l = 2n$ ; this corresponds to a  $C$ -centred arrangement in a cell with half the original  $c$  axis. No further condition results from the combination.

 (3)  $I12/a1$  (15, unique axis  $b$ , cell choice 3)

For the description of space group No. 15 with cell choice 3 (see Section 2.1.3.15 and the space-group tables), the reflection conditions appear as follows:

General position  $8f$ :  $hkl$ :  $h + k + l = 2n$ , due to the  $I$ -centred cell.

Special position  $4b$ :  $hkl$ :  $h = 2n$ , due to additional halving of the  $a$  axis. Combination gives  $hkl$ :  $h, k + l = 2n$ , i.e. an  $A$ -centred arrangement of atoms in a cell with half the original  $a$  axis.

An analogous result is obtained for position  $4d$ .

Table 2.1.3.8

Reflection conditions for the plane groups

Type of reflections	Reflection condition	Centring type of plane cell; or glide line with glide vector	Coordinate system to which condition applies
$hk$	None	Primitive $p$	All systems
	$h + k = 2n$	Centred $c$	Rectangular
	$h - k = 3n$	Hexagonally centred $h\ddagger$	Hexagonal
$h0$	$h = 2n$	Glide line $g$ normal to $b$ axis; glide vector $\frac{1}{2}\mathbf{a}$	Rectangular, Square
$0k$	$k = 2n$	Glide line $g$ normal to $a$ axis; glide vector $\frac{1}{2}\mathbf{b}$	

 † For the use of the unconventional  $h$  cell see Table 2.1.1.2.