DESCRIPTION

This third edition of the classic on the thermochemical aspects of the combustion of propellants and explosives is completely revised and updated and now includes a section on green propellants and offers an up-to-date view of the thermochemical aspects of combustion and corresponding applications.

Clearly structured, the first half of the book presents an introduction to pyrodynamics, describing fundamental aspects of the combustion of energetic materials, while the second part highlights applications of energetic materials, such as propellants, explosives and pyrolants, with a focus on the phenomena occurring in rocket motors. Finally, an appendix gives a brief overview of the fundamentals of aerodynamics and heat transfer, which is a prerequisite for the study of pyrodynamics.

A detailed reference for readers interested in rocketry or explosives technology.

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NEW TO EDITION

Newly developed propulsion systems such as ducted rockets, pulse motors and impulse thrusters as well as pyrolants, a new class of materials, are covered in detail.

The original nine chapters have been completely revised and another six have been added: Formation of Energetic Pyrolants, Combustion Propagation of Pyrolants, Emission from Combustion Products, Transient Combustion, Rocket Thrust Modulation, and Ducted Rocket Propulsion.

New appendices on flow field dynamics and shock wave propagation have been added.

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