

Preface to this 5th English edition

Everything which has been said in the preface to the first German, as well as in the first to fourth English editions still holds true, and essentially does not need any addition or correction. In this revised fifth edition in English, the manuscript has been updated and various recent aspects of energetic materials have been added:

- (i) Some errors which were unfortunately present in the fourth edition have been corrected and the references have also been updated where appropriate.
- (ii) Chapters on the critical diameter, colored smokes, delay compositions, sensitivities, gun erosion, TKX-50, liners, thermobaric weapons and nitrocellulose have been updated.
- (iii) Four new chapters on Aging (6.7), Air Bags (13.6), Spent Acid (10.4) and Toxicity Measurements (13.7) have been added.

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