

***PVT* Measurements on 3-Cyanobenzyl 2,5-bis(4-*n*-octyloxybenzoyloxy)benzoate up to 250 MPa and 423 K**

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P, *V_m*, *T* data have been measured for the nematic and isotropic phases of 3-cyanobenzyl 2,5-bis(4-*n*-octyloxybenzoyloxy)benzoate between 273 and 423 K and up to 250 MPa. The volume changes accompanying the crystal – nematic and nematic – isotropic transitions have been determined. The corresponding enthalpy changes have been calculated using the Clausius-Clapeyron equation. The *p*, *V_m*, *T* data enable also to estimate the volume entropy for the nematic-isotropic transition. It is found that the configurational part of the transition entropy amounts to 80%, this portion being distinctly larger than found in previous studies for conventional rod-like liquid crystals.

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