

# Pressure induced changes of magnetic phase transitions in $\text{RCo}_4\text{B}$ compounds

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**Abstract:** The magnetovolume and magnetic properties of  $\text{RCo}_4\text{B}$  (R - Y, Ce, Gd) compounds under pressure up to 12kbar have been studied. We determined the volume dependencies of Curie temperatures, magnetization, spin reorientation transitions (for  $\text{YCo}_4\text{B}$ ), first-order magnetization process (for monocrystalline  $\text{GdCo}_4\text{B}$ ) and also the pressure induced changes of the volume anomaly connected with the isostructural phase transition of  $\text{CeCo}_4\text{B}$ . The results have been used to analyze the influence of rare-earth atoms on the volume dependencies of exchange interactions and magnetic anisotropy of  $\text{RCo}_4\text{B}$  compounds. ?? 2003 Elsevier Science B.V. All rights reserved.

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