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•Journal articles published online ahead of print:

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Stepf, B. A.; George, K. F. Antifreezes and Deicing Fluids. In *Kirk-Othmer Encyclopedia of Chemical Technology*; 4<sup>th</sup> Edition. Howe-Grant, M., Ed. Wiley-Interscience: New York, 1992; Vol. 3, pp 347-367.

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