internal energy, U

Synonym: thermodynamic energy

Quantity the change in which is equal to the sum of heat, q, brought to the system and work, w, performed on it, $\Delta U = q + w$. Also called thermodynamic energy.

Source:

Green Book, 2nd ed., p. 48

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