

Based on the Composition of Semiconductors, they are classified into two types.

(1) Elemental Semiconductor

(2) Compound Semiconductor

1) Elemental Semiconductors:- It's made of single element like Germanium and Silicon. They are also known as indirect band gap semiconductors.

2) Compound Semiconductors:- It's made by combining the third and fifth column elements (or) second and six column elements. Ex:- GaAs and InP.

| <u>Elemental Semiconductor</u>   | <u>Compound Semiconductor</u>   |
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| 1) They are made of single element. Ex:- Ge, Si, etc   | They are made of compounds<br>Ex:- GaAs, SiP, CdS, etc  |
| 2) They are called as <u>indirect band gap semiconductors</u> .<br>ie, electron-hole recombination takes place through traps, which are present in the band gap. | They are called as <u>direct band gap semiconductor</u> . ie, electron hole recombination takes place directly with each other. |
| 3) Life time of charge carriers is more due to indirect recombination  | Life time of charge carriers is less due to direct recombination.   |
| 4) Heat is produced due to recombination.  | Photons are emitted during recombination.   |
| 5) Current amplification is more   | Current amplification is less   |
| 6) They are used for the manufacture of diodes, transistors etc  | They are used for making LEDs, Laser diodes, IC's etc.  |

2) Difference between Intrinsic and Extrinsic Semi.

Conductor.

| <u>Intrinsic Semiconductor</u>                                       | <u>Extrinsic Semiconductor</u>   |
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| (i) Pure Semiconductor   | Doped with impurity is called Extrinsic  |
| (ii) The Charge Carriers are Produced only due to thermal agitation. | Charge Carriers are Produced due to impurities and to produce thermal agitation.                 |
| (iii) low electrical Conductivity                                    | high electrical Conductivity   |
| (iv) low operating Temp.   | high operating temp.   |
| (v) At $T=0K$ , Fermi level exactly lies between $E_c$ and $E_v$     | At $T=0K$ , Fermi level is closer to Conduction band in n-type, closer to Valence band in p-type |
| (vi) Ex: - Si and Ge   | Ex: - Ph and Ar  |

3) Difference between n-type and p-type Semi

| <u>n-type</u>  | <u>p-type</u>   |
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| (i) Doping an intrinsic Semi Conductor With Pentavalent impurity.  | Add in trivalent impu   |
| (ii) $e^-$ s are majority carriers and holes are minority carriers.  | holes are majority Car and $e^-$ are minority Car   |
| (iii) Donor energy level closer to Conduction band.  | Acceptor energy level Valance band  |
| (iv) When Temp. is increased, these semi conductors can easily donate an $e^-$ from donor energy level to the Conduction band. | When Temp is increased semi conductors can easily accept an $e^-$ from valer to acceptor energy level |