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**Magnetic properties of  $RT_2Al_{20}$  ( $R = Gd, Eu$  and  $Yb$ ,  $T = Ti, V$  and  $Cr$ )** J. FREDERICK, Ames Laboratory, USDOE, SHUANG JIA, S.L. BUD'KO, P.C. CANFIELD, Ames Laboratory, USDOE and Department of Physics and Astronomy, Iowa State University — Isostructural  $RT_2Al_{20}$  series of compounds contain less than 5 at. % of rare earth ions. Thermodynamic and transport measurements were performed on solution-grown, single crystals: both  $R = Gd$  and  $Eu$  series manifest clear local moment behavior with magnetic ordering below 10 K. These low transition temperatures are consistent with the dilute nature of the rare earth ions. Unlike the  $RT_2Zn_{20}$  series, we have not found enhanced magnetic order or near-Stoner like behavior for any member of the  $RT_2Al_{20}$  family of compounds. The  $R = Yb$  members, however, all manifest weak Pauli paramagnetism, consistent with a divalent state for the  $Yb$  ions.

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