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## Abbreviations

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anon. <i>in Thet.</i>	Anonymous (1) (see Catalogue of Platonists)
<i>ANRW</i>	H. Temporini and W. Haase (eds.), <i>Aufstieg und Niedergang der römischen Welt: Geschichte und Kultur Roms im Spiegel der neueren Forschung</i> (Berlin: De Gruyter, 1972–)
BSt	Bausteine (groupings of source texts in <i>Pida</i> , q.v.)
<i>CAG</i>	<i>Commentaria in Aristotelem Graeca</i>
DK	H. Diels and W. Kranz, <i>Die Fragmente der Vorsokratiker</i> . 3 vols. 6th edn (Dublin and Zurich: Weidmann, 1954)
DL	Diogenes Laertius, <i>Lives of the Philosophers</i>
<i>DPhA</i>	R. Goulet (ed.), <i>Dictionnaire des philosophes antiques</i> (Paris: CNRS: 1989–)
FSHG	W. W. Fortenbaugh, R. W. Sharples, P. Huby and D. Gutas (eds.), <i>Theophrastus of Eresus: Sources for His Life, Writings, Thought, and Influence</i> (Leiden and New York: Brill, 1992)
<i>IBM</i>	C. T. Newton, <i>The Collection of Ancient Greek Inscriptions in the British Museum</i> (Oxford University Press, 1874–1916)
<i>IG</i>	<i>Inscriptiones Graecae</i>
<i>IK</i>	<i>Inchriften griechischer Städte aus Kleinasien</i>
LS	A. A. Long and D. N. Sedley, <i>The Hellenistic Philosophers</i> (Cambridge University Press, 1989)
<i>Pida</i>	<i>Platonismus in der Antike</i> = Dörrie et al. 1987–
<i>SB</i>	<i>Sammelbuch griechischer Urkunden aus Ägypten</i> (Strassburg: K. J. Trübner, 1915–)
<i>SEG</i>	<i>Supplementum Epigraphicum Graecum</i>

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*List of Abbreviations*

SVF

H. von Arnim, *Stoicorum Veterum Fragmenta*. Indexes  
by M. Adler. 4 vols. (Stuttgart: Teubner, 1903–24)

TrGF

B. Snell et al. (eds.), *Tragicorum Graecorum Fragmenta*.  
5 vols. (Göttingen: Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht, 1971–  
2004)