

Magnesio-hornblende

Crystal Data: Monoclinic. *Point Group:* 2/m. As bladed to prismatic crystals to several mm.
Twinning: [Simple or multiple twinning || {100}.]

Physical Properties: *Cleavage:* Good on {110}, with intersections at ~56° and ~124°.
Tenacity: [Brittle.] *Hardness* = [5-6] *D(calc.)* = 3.137

Optical Properties: Translucent. *Color:* Green to dark green. *Streak:* n.d. *Luster:* Vitreous.
Optical Class: Biaxial (-). $\alpha = 1.640(2)$ $\beta = 1.654(2)$ $\gamma = 1.666(2)$ $2V(\text{meas.}) = 82(1)^\circ$
 $2V(\text{calc.}) = 84.9^\circ$ *Orientation:* $X \wedge a = 33.7^\circ$ (in β obtuse), $Y \parallel b$, $Z \wedge c = 18.2^\circ$ (in β acute).
Dispersion: Weak, $v > r$. *Pleochroism:* $X =$ pale yellow, $Y =$ bluish green, $Z =$ dark green.
Absorption: $Z > Y > X$.

Cell Data: *Space Group:* C2/m. $a = 9.8308(7)$ $b = 18.0659(11)$ $c = 5.2968(4)$ $\beta = 104.771(6)^\circ$
 $Z = 2$

X-ray Powder Pattern: Calculated pattern.

(100) 2.709, (74) 8.412, (73) 3.121, (58) 2.541, (49) 3.386, (45) 2.596, (41) 2.338

Chemistry:	(1)	(2)		(1)	(2)
SiO ₂	50.24	51.68	NiO	0.03	
TiO ₂	0.24		CaO	11.68	13.78
Al ₂ O ₃	6.52	12.50	Na ₂ O	0.92	
Cr ₂ O ₃	0.10		K ₂ O	0.30	
V ₂ O ₃	0.03		H ₂ O	[2.02]	
Fe ₂ O ₃	[2.17]		F	0.11	
FeO	[8.87]		Cl	0.10	
MgO	16.52	19.80	-O = Cl ₂	0.02	
MnO	0.25		-O = F ₂	0.05	2.21
ZnO	0.02		Total	100.05	100.00

(1) Lüderitz, Karas Region, Namibia; average of 10 electron microprobe analyses, Fe³⁺/Fe²⁺ apportioned from FeO = 10.82 and H₂O calculated from structure; corresponds to $A^{(\square_{0.73}\text{Na}_{0.22}\text{K}_{0.05})\Sigma=1.00} B^{(\text{Ca}_{1.79}\text{Fe}^{2+}_{0.10}\text{Mg}_{0.04}\text{Mn}^{2+}_{0.03}\text{Na}_{0.04})\Sigma=2.00} C^{(\text{Mg}_{3.48}\text{Fe}^{2+}_{0.97}\text{Al}_{0.28}\text{Fe}^{3+}_{0.23}\text{Cr}^{3+}_{0.01}\text{Ti}_{0.03})\Sigma=5.00} T^{(\text{Si}_{7.18}\text{Al}_{0.82})\Sigma=8.00} \text{O}_{22} W^{[(\text{OH})_{1.93}\text{F}_{0.05}\text{Cl}_{0.02}]\Sigma=2.00}$. (2) $\square \text{Ca}_2(\text{Mg}_4\text{Al})(\text{Si}_7\text{Al})\text{O}_{22}(\text{OH})_2$.

Mineral Group: Calcium amphibole group; $B^{(\text{Ca}+\Sigma M^{2+})/\Sigma B} \geq 0.75$, $B\text{Ca}/\Sigma B \geq B\Sigma M^{2+}/\Sigma B$.

Occurrence: A rock-forming mineral.

Association: n.d.

Distribution: The sand dunes of Lüderitz, Karas Region, Namibia.

Name: Indicates a calcium amphibole with composition between 0.5 and 1.5 apfu $C^{(\text{Al}+\text{Fe}^{3+}+2\text{Ti})}$ and between 0 and 0.5 apfu (Na+K+2Ca).

Type Material: Mineralogy Museum, University of Pavia, Italy (2017-01 and 1325 in the amphibole database of the CNR-IGG).

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