

## Oxyphlogopite

## K(Mg, Ti, Fe)<sub>3</sub>[(Si, Al)<sub>4</sub>O<sub>10</sub>](O, F)<sub>2</sub>

**Crystal Data:** Monoclinic or Hexagonal. *Point Group:* 2/m or 32. Crystals prismatic, to 1.5 mm, or tabular, to 4 mm.

**Physical Properties:** *Cleavage:* Perfect on {001}. *Tenacity:* Thin lamellae are flexible. *Fracture:* n.d. Hardness = 3 D(meas.) = 3.06(1) D(calc.) = 3.086

**Optical Properties:** Translucent. *Color:* Dark brown to black. *Streak:* Brown. *Luster:* Vitreous. *Optical Class:* Biaxial (-).  $\alpha = 1.625(3)$   $\beta = 1.668(1)$   $\gamma = 1.669(1)$   $2V(\text{meas.}) = 16(2)^\circ$   $2V(\text{calc.}) = 17^\circ$  *Orientation:*  $X \perp (001)$ . *Dispersion:* Strong,  $r < v$ . *Pleochroism:* Medium, brown to dark brown. *Absorption:*  $X > Y > Z$ .

**Cell Data:** *Space Group:* C2/m (1M polytype).  $a = 5.317(12)$   $b = 9.161(2)$   $c = 10.069(2)$   $\beta = 100.53(6)^\circ$   $Z = 2$  or P3<sub>1</sub>12 (3T polytype).  $a = 5.3248(2)$   $c = 29.788(3)$   $Z = 3$

**X-ray Powder Pattern:** Rothenberg basalt quarry, Rhineland-Palatinate, Germany (1M). 3.300 (100), 9.91 (32), 1.895 (21), 1.527 (16), 1.659 (12), 3.090 (12), 4.53 (11)

### Chemistry:

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Na <sub>2</sub> O	0.99	Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.60
K <sub>2</sub> O	7.52	SiO <sub>2</sub>	34.41
MgO	14.65	TiO <sub>2</sub>	12.93
CaO	0.27	F	3.06
FeO	4.73	H <sub>2</sub> O	0.14
Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	7.25	-O=F <sub>2</sub>	1.29
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	14.32	Total	99.58

(1) Rothenberg basalt quarry, near Mendig, Rhineland-Palatinate, Germany (1M); average of 5 electron microprobe analyses, absence of OH<sup>-</sup> groups confirmed by IR spectroscopy, H<sub>2</sub>O determined by the Alimarin method, Fe<sup>2+</sup>/Fe<sup>3+</sup> ratio by X-ray emission spectroscopy; corresponds to (K<sub>0.72</sub>Na<sub>0.14</sub>Ca<sub>0.02</sub>)<sub>Σ=0.88</sub>(Mg<sub>1.64</sub>Ti<sub>0.73</sub>Fe<sup>2+</sup><sub>0.30</sub>Fe<sup>3+</sup><sub>0.27</sub>Cr<sub>0.04</sub>)<sub>Σ=2.98</sub>(Si<sub>2.59</sub>Al<sub>1.27</sub>Fe<sup>3+</sup><sub>0.14</sub>O<sub>10</sub>)O<sub>1.20</sub>F<sub>0.73</sub>(OH)<sub>0.07</sub>.  
(2) Bartoy volcanic field, Transbaikalia, Russia (3T); analysis not seen; corresponds to <sup>A</sup>(K<sub>0.9</sub>Na<sub>0.1</sub>)<sup>[M<sup>1</sup>(Fe<sup>2+</sup><sub>0.6</sub>Mg<sub>0.4</sub>)<sup>M<sup>2</sup>(Fe<sup>3+</sup><sub>0.4</sub>Ti<sub>0.4</sub>Mg<sub>0.2</sub>)<sup>M<sup>3</sup>(Mg<sub>0.4</sub>Fe<sup>3+</sup><sub>0.3</sub>Ti<sub>0.2</sub>Al<sub>0.1</sub>)][T<sup>1,2</sup>(Si<sub>0.7</sub>Al<sub>0.3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>]<sub>2</sub>X(O<sub>0.9</sub>F<sub>0.1</sub>)<sub>2</sub>.</sup></sup></sup>

**Polymorphism & Series:** 1M and 3T polytypes.

**Mineral Group:** Mica group.

**Occurrence:** Pneumatolytic crystals coat vugs in alkaline basalt.

**Association:** Nepheline, plagioclase, sanidine, augite, diopside, magnetite.

**Distribution:** From Rothenberg basalt quarry, Eifel extrusive complex, Rothenberg Mountain, near Mendig, Rhineland-Palatinate, Germany [TL 1M]. From the Bartoy volcanic field, Transbaikalia, Russia (3T).

**Name:** For its composition (oxy) and relationship to *phlogopite*.

**Type Material:** A.E. Fersman Mineralogical Museum, Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow, Russia; 3884/2 (holotype), 3884/1 (cotype).

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