

**Shafranovskite****Na<sub>3</sub>K<sub>2</sub>(Mn, Fe, Na)<sub>4</sub>[Si<sub>9</sub>(O, OH)<sub>27</sub>](OH)<sub>2</sub>·nH<sub>2</sub>O**

**Crystal Data:** Hexagonal. *Point Group:* 3m. As granular aggregates, to 5 mm.

**Physical Properties:** *Cleavage:* Well developed on {00\*1}. *Fracture:* Conchoidal. Hardness = 2-3 in aggregate. D(meas.) = 2.76-2.78 D(calc.) = 2.83 Strongly electromagnetic.

**Optical Properties:** Translucent. *Color:* Dark green to olive-green or yellow-green, after exposure to air, becomes yellow; pale yellow-green in thin section. *Luster:* Vitreous.

*Optical Class:* Uniaxial (-).  $\omega = 1.587(2)$   $\epsilon = 1.570(2)$

**Cell Data:** *Space Group:* P31c.  $a = 14.519(3)$   $c = 21.062(6)$   $Z = 6$

**X-ray Powder Pattern:** Kola Peninsula, Russia.

10.54 (100), 3.51 (70), 2.787 (60), 2.975 (50b), 3.60 (45b), 10.77 (35)

**Chemistry:**

	(1)
SiO <sub>2</sub>	47.52
TiO <sub>2</sub>	0.12
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.39
Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	1.85
FeO	6.10
MnO	14.50
MgO	0.34
CaO	0.61
Na <sub>2</sub> O	10.24
K <sub>2</sub> O	7.82
H <sub>2</sub> O	9.78
Total	99.27

(1) Kola Peninsula, Russia; corresponds to  $(\text{Na}_{3.63}\text{K}_{1.82}\text{Mn}^{2+}_{0.29}\text{Ca}_{0.12})_{\Sigma=5.86}(\text{Mn}^{2+}_{1.95}\text{Fe}^{2+}_{0.93}\text{Mg}_{0.09}\text{Ti}_{0.02}\text{Fe}^{3+}_{0.01})_{\Sigma=3.00}(\text{Si}_{8.68}\text{Fe}^{3+}_{0.24}\text{Al}_{0.01})_{\Sigma=8.93}\text{O}_{24} \cdot 5.96\text{H}_2\text{O}$ .

**Occurrence:** Produced by late-stage crystallization of alkalic nepheline syenite magmas in pegmatites in differentiated alkalic massifs.

**Association:** Thermonatrite, natrophosphate, nacaphite, olympite, sidorenkite, aegirine, villiaumite, phosinaite, rasvumite.

**Distribution:** On Mts. Rasvumchorr [TL], Niorkpakhk, Koashkar, and Koashva, Khibiny massif, and at the Jubilee pegmatite, Mt. Karnasurt, and several other localities in the Lovozero massif, Kola Peninsula, Russia.

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