

Chubarovite

KZn₂(BO₃)Cl₂

Crystal Data: Hexagonal. *Point Group:* 32. As hexagonal or trigonal lamellar to tabular crystals to 1.5 mm. Crystals display {0001}, {10̄ 1}, {10̄ 2}, {10̄ 3}, {10̄ 0} and {11̄ 2 0}. Divergent aggregates, to 1 cm, resemble flowers or an open book. *Twinning:* Contact twins around [0001] and on {0001} or as X-shaped penetration twins on (10̄ 3).

Physical Properties: *Cleavage:* Perfect on {0001}. *Fracture:* Laminated. *Tenacity:* Flexible, nonelastic. Hardness = ~2 D(meas.) = 2.68(2) D(calc.) = 2.716

Optical Properties: Transparent. *Color:* Colorless. *Streak:* White. *Luster:* Vitreous. *Optical Class:* Uniaxial (-). $\omega = 1.541(2)$ $\epsilon = 1.539(2)$

Cell Data: *Space Group:* R32. $a = 4.9429(4)$ $c = 26.348(2)$ $Z = 3$

X-ray Powder Pattern: Arsenatnaya fumarole, Tolbachik volcano, Kamchatka, Russia. 8.79 (100), 4.074 (91), 3.590 (90), 2.470 (67), 4.394 (43), 3.324 (30), 4.225 (25)

Chemistry:	(1)	(2)
K ₂ O	16.48	15.72
Rb ₂ O	0.46	
ZnO	53.96	54.33
B ₂ O ₃	10.98	11.62
Cl	24.48	23.67
<u>-O = Cl₂</u>	<u>5.53</u>	<u>5.34</u>
Total	100.83	100.00

(1) Arsenatnaya fumarole, Tolbachik volcano, Kamchatka, Russia; average of 4 electron microprobe analyses supplemented by FTIR spectroscopy; corresponding to (K_{1.05}Rb_{0.01})_{Σ=1.06}Zn_{2.00}B_{0.95}O_{2.92}Cl₂. (2) KZn₂(BO₃)Cl₂.

Occurrence: Formed as sublimes on basaltic scoria around active volcanic fumaroles.

Association: Fluoborite, krasheninnikovite, sylvite, halite, langbeinite, aphthitalite, arcanite, zincite, flinteite, wulfite, johillerite, urusovite, pseudobrookite, vanthoffite, svabite, orthoclase, fluorphlogopite, hematite, tenorite (Arsenatnaya fumarole, Second scoria cone); sellaite, fluorite, anhydrite, halite, cotunnite, challacolloite, sofiite, flinteite (First Scoria cone).

Distribution: The First scoria cone and the Arsenatnaya fumarole, Second scoria cone of the Northern Breakthrough, Great Tolbachik Fissure Eruption, Tolbachik volcano, Kamchatka, Russia.

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