

Hydroxycalcioroméite

(Ca, Sb³⁺)₂(Sb⁵⁺,Ti)₂O₆(OH)

Crystal Data: Cubic. *Point Group:* 4/m $\bar{3}$ 2/m. As minute octahedra, to 1 mm, and earthy masses. *Twinnings:* On {111}, rare.

Physical Properties: *Cleavage:* {111}, nearly perfect. Hardness = 5.5 D(meas.) = 4.950 D(calc.) = 5.31

Optical Properties: Translucent. *Color:* Honey-yellow, amber-yellow, yellowish brown.

Streak: Pale yellowish brown. *Luster:* Vitreous to resinous.

Optical Class: Isotropic. *n* = n.d.

Cell Data: *Space Group:* $Fd\bar{3} m$ (ICDD 7-66). *a* = 10.264-10.306 Z = 8

X-ray Powder Pattern: Tripuh, Brazil. (ICDD 7-66).

2.94 (100), 1.813 (100), 1.548 (100), 1.179 (50), 1.150 (50), 1.050 (50), 0.989 (50)

Chemistry:

	(1)	(2)
Sb ₂ O ₅	67.52	65.52
TiO ₂	11.35	11.70
FeO	4.55	6.79
MnO	0.38	
CaO	15.93	15.47
Na ₂ O	0.99	1.06
Total	100.72	100.54

(1-2) Tripuh, Brazil.

Mineral Group: Pyrochlore supergroup (general formula - $A_2B_2X_6Y$); roméite group ($B = \text{Sb}^{5+}$).

Occurrence: In eluvial sands (Tripuh, Brazil).

Association: Mica, cinnabar, tripuhyite (Tripuh, Brazil).

Distribution: At the Tripuh cinnabar mine, Ouro Prêto, Minas Gerais, Brazil. In the Miniera del Tafone, Grosseto, Tuscany, Italy.

Name: For a member of the *roméite* group with prefixes to indicate dominant OH⁻ (*hydroxy*) in the Y site and calcium (*calcio*) in the A site. Formerly 'lewisite'.

Type Material: The Natural History Museum, London, England (80141); National Museum of Natural History, Washington, D.C., USA (R5741).

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