

Goldmanite



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Crystal Data: Cubic. *Point Group:* $4/m\bar{3}2/m$. As dodecahedra, to 0.1 mm; in anhedral grains.

Physical Properties: Hardness = 7 D(meas.) = 3.74–3.77 D(calc.) = 3.765

Optical Properties: Transparent. Color: Dark green to brownish green, commonly sector zoned; green to brown in thin section.

Optical Class: Isotropic to weakly anisotropic. $n = 1.821(1)$

Cell Data: Space Group: $Ia3d$. $a = 12.06$ Z = 8

X-ray Powder Pattern: Sandy mine, New Mexico, USA.

2.688 (100), 3.005 (65), 1.607 (49), 2.453 (38), 1.951 (22), 1.667 (18), 2.357 (16)

Chemistry:

	(1)	(2)
SiO_2	36.6	35.58
Al_2O_3	4.9	
Fe_2O_3	5.4	0.24
V_2O_3	18.3	28.66
Cr_2O_3		0.88
MnO	0.3	
MgO	0.7	
CaO	33.3	33.06
Total	99.5	98.42

(1) Sandy mine, New Mexico, USA; corresponds to $(\text{Ca}_{2.91}\text{Mg}_{0.08}\text{Mn}_{0.02})_{\Sigma=3.01}(\text{V}_{1.20}\text{Al}_{0.47}\text{Fe}_{0.33})_{\Sigma=2.00}\text{Si}_{2.99}\text{O}_{12}$. (2) North Sea; by electron microprobe, corresponds to $\text{Ca}_{2.98}(\text{V}_{1.94}\text{Cr}_{0.06}\text{Fe}_{0.01})_{\Sigma=2.01}\text{Si}_{3.00}\text{O}_{12}$.

Mineral Group: Garnet group.

Occurrence: In a small metamorphosed U–V deposit in sandstone, embedded in vanadium-rich clays and calcite (Sandy mine, New Mexico, USA); in calcareous metapelites and tungsten-bearing skarns (Coat-an-Noz, France); detrital.

Association: Quartz, calcite, diopside, vesuvianite, wollastonite, epidote, grossular-andradite, biotite, spinel, plagioclase, pyrrhotite, roscoelite, montmorillonite (Sandy mine, New Mexico, USA); plagioclase, titanite, clinopyroxene, actinolite, chlorite, pyrite, arsenopyrite (Coat-an-Noz, France); rhodonite, braunite (Yamoto mine, Japan).

Distribution: In the Sandy mine, near Laguna, Valencia Co., New Mexico, USA. From Coat-an-Noz, Côtes-du-Nord, France. In a deep well in the United Kingdom sector of the North Sea. From Tetetice, Klatovy, Czech Republic. At Ishimskaya Luka, northern Kazakhstan. From the Slyudyanka complex, Sayan Mountains, near Lake Baikal, Siberia, Russia. In the Yamoto mine, Kagoshima Prefecture, Japan.

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Type Material: National Museum of Natural History, Washington, D.C., USA, 121717, 121953.

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