

Lovozerite**Na₃CaZrSi₆O₁₅(OH)₃**

Crystal Data: Hexagonal. *Point Group:* 3. As pseudododecahedral crystals, to 3 mm, and spherical aggregates. In irregular but optically continuous grains, to 3 cm. *Twinning:* Polysynthetic and penetration, common.

Physical Properties: *Cleavage:* Two directions, imperfect. *Fracture:* Uneven to conchoidal. *Tenacity:* Brittle. Hardness = 5 D(meas.) = 2.38-2.71 D(calc.) = 2.69

Optical Properties: Transparent to opaque. *Color:* Red-brown, dark brown, black; in thin section, yellowish pink, with altered regions dark brown. *Streak:* Brown. *Luster:* Vitreous, resinous to dull. *Optical Class:* Uniaxial (-) to biaxial (-). $\omega = 1.561$ $\epsilon = 1.549$ $\alpha = 1.545$ $\beta = 1.560$ $\gamma = 1.561$ 2V(meas.) = Small. *Pleochroism:* Weak, yellowish to pinkish.

Cell Data: *Space Group:* R3. $a = 10.18(1)$ $c = 13.13(2)$ $Z = 3$

X-ray Powder Pattern: Khibiny massif, Russia.

3.21 (100), 5.37 (80), 3.64 (70), 3.32 (70), 7.33 (50), 2.969 (50), 2.635 (50)

Chemistry:	(1)	(1)	
SiO ₂	52.12	MgO	0.76
TiO ₂	1.02	CaO	3.34
ZrO ₂	16.54	SrO	0.06
Al ₂ O ₃	0.40	Na ₂ O	3.74
Fe ₂ O ₃	0.72	K ₂ O	1.90
Th ₂ O ₃	0.56	H ₂ O ⁺	8.62
MnO	3.46	H ₂ O ⁻	6.41
		Total	99.65

(1) Lovozerovo massif, Russia; corresponds to $(\text{Na}_{0.87}\text{Ca}_{0.41}\text{Mn}_{0.33}\text{K}_{0.28}\text{Mg}_{0.13}\text{Fe}_{0.06})_{\Sigma=2.08}(\text{Zr}_{0.92}\text{Ti}_{0.09})_{\Sigma=1.01}(\text{Si}_{5.95}\text{Al}_{0.05})_{\Sigma=6.00}(\text{O},\text{OH})_{21.28}$.

Mineral Group: Lovozerite group, zirsinalite-lovozerite subgroup.

Occurrence: In nepheline syenites and associated pegmatites.

Association: Potassic feldspar, nepheline, aegirine, lamprophyllite, eudialyte, murmanite (Kola Peninsula, Russia).

Distribution: In the Lovozerovo and Khibiny massifs, Kola Peninsula, Russia. From the Ilímaussaq southern intrusion, Greenland. At Mont Saint-Hilaire, Quebec, Canada.

Name: For the occurrence in the *Lovozerovo* massif, Kola Peninsula, Russia.

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