

Potassic-carpholite

Crystal Data: Orthorhombic. *Point Group:* 2/m 2/m 2/m. As acicular crystals, to 500 μ m, in tuft-like sprays to 2 mm. Crystals elongated on [100].

Physical Properties: *Cleavage:* Perfect on {010}. *Fracture:* Irregular. *Tenacity:* Brittle. Hardness \approx 5 D(meas.) = 3.08(2) D(calc.) = 3.06

Optical Properties: Transparent. *Color:* White to straw-yellow. *Streak:* White. *Luster:* Silky. *Optical Class:* Biaxial (-). $\alpha = 1.578(2)$ $\beta = 1.592(2)$ $\gamma = 1.598(2)$ $2V(\text{meas.}) = 57^\circ$ $2V(\text{calc.}) = 66^\circ$ *Pleochroism:* Weak; $X =$ pale yellow, $Y = Z =$ colorless. *Absorption:* $X > Y, Z$. *Orientation:* $X = b, Y = a, Z = c$.

Cell Data: *Space Group:* Ccca. $a = 13.727(3)$ $b = 20.329(6)$ $c = 5.136(2)$ $Z = 4$

X-ray Powder Pattern: Sawtooth batholith, Boise County, Idaho, USA. 5.705 (100), 2.613 (100), 3.048 (90), 3.819 (80), 3.433 (80), 2.744 (80), 2.050 (80)

Chemistry:	(1)
Na ₂ O	0.51
K ₂ O	4.07
Li ₂ O	[1.34]
MgO	0.04
MnO	13.37
FeO	1.44
Al ₂ O ₃	29.38
TiO ₂	0.10
SiO ₂	36.73
F	7.47
H ₂ O	[7.24]
- O = F	3.14
Total	98.53

(1) Sawtooth batholith, Boise County, Idaho, USA; electron microprobe analysis, Li₂O and H₂O calculated; corresponding to $(K_{0.56}Na_{0.11}\square_{0.33})_{\Sigma=1.00}(Mn^{2+}_{1.26}Li_{0.60}Fe^{2+}_{0.13}Mg_{0.01})_{\Sigma=2.00}(Al_{3.85}Si_{0.08})_{\Sigma=3.93}Si_4O_{12}(OH)_4[F_{2.63}(OH)_{1.37}]_{\Sigma=4.00}$.

Occurrence: Liningmiarolitic cavities in microcline in granite.

Association: Quartz, albite, beryl, topaz, bertrandite, hellandite, zinnwaldite, fluorite, hematite, apatite.

Distribution: From the Sawtooth batholith in the Fall Creek drainage, in the vicinity of Glens Peak, Boise County, Idaho, USA.

Name: For the dominant potassium in the composition and relationship to *carpholite*.

Type Material: Canadian Museum of Nature, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada (CMNMC 83920).

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