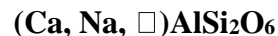


**Tissintite**

**Crystal Data:** Monoclinic. *Point Group:* 2/m. As wormy aggregates of elongate to irregularly shaped cellular crystals to 2×2×4 μm.

**Physical Properties:** *Cleavage:* n.d. *Tenacity:* n.d. *Fracture:* n.d. *Hardness =* n.d. *D(meas.) =* n.d. *D(calc.) =* 3.32

**Optical Properties:** *Color:* n.d. *Streak:* n.d. *Luster:* n.d.  
*Optical Class:* n.d.

**Cell Data:** *Space Group:* C2/c. *a =* 9.21 (17) *b =* 9.09 (4) *c =* 5.20 (2) *β =* 109.6 (9)° *Z =* 4

**X-ray Powder Pattern:** n.d.

<b>Chemistry:</b>	(1)
SiO <sub>2</sub>	53.0
TiO <sub>2</sub>	0.08
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	29.2
FeO	0.96
MgO	0.18
CaO	12.5
Na <sub>2</sub> O	4.7
<u>K<sub>2</sub>O</u>	<u>0.06</u>
Total	100.68

(1) Tissint martian meteorite; average electron microprobe analysis; corresponds to (Ca<sub>0.45</sub>Na<sub>0.31</sub>□<sub>0.24</sub>)(Al<sub>0.97</sub>Fe<sub>0.03</sub>Mg<sub>0.01</sub>)(Si<sub>1.80</sub>Al<sub>0.20</sub>)O<sub>6</sub>.

**Mineral Group:** Clinopyroxene containing 42-60 mol% of the Ca-Eskola component.

**Occurrence:** In maskelynite (shocked plagioclase) and is commonly observed included within, or in contact with, shock-melt pockets in a Martian meteorite. Perhaps forms from amorphous plagioclase during decompression.

**Association:** Maskelynite (shocked plagioclase).

**Distribution:** From the Tissint Martian meteorite [TL].

**Name:** For the Martian meteorite *Tissint*, which fell near Tissint, Morocco on 18 July 2011.

**Type Material:** Meteorite Collection of the Frank H. McClung Museum, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, USA.

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